

**WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

Present: Deanna Heminger, Linda Rizzo, Colleen Curtis, Scott McKee, Joseph Stepich,
Kevin Schuhknecht.

Absent: Louis Nordell

Also Present: None

Chairman Schuhknecht opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting were read. J. Stepich made a motion to approve the minutes as read. K. Schuhknecht seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

At 2:05 p.m., D. Heminger made a motion to close out of the regular session and enter into the scheduled public hearing for a Special Land Use Permit request for a Medical Marihuana Provisioning Facility at 3801 M-140. C. Curtis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

As there were no attendants for the public hearing, C. Curtis took the opportunity inquired as to why this particular applicant was requesting a special land use permit for property that already had a special land use permit granted for an identical use in October of last year. It was explained that the special use permit issued last year was to an individual who was supposed to purchase the property for the location of a medical marihuana provisioning center. Because that purchase did not take place as anticipated, the SLUP was automatically rescinded. It was further explained that the current owner is seeking a SLUP for the same application with the hopes that not only would it entice a purchase, but, if the property is purchased for that use and there is movement in that direction or if the use has begun, that would make the special use a permitted principal use at that location in perpetuity - regardless of any other subsequent uses. It was added that if there is no forward motion to install the use of a medical marihuana provisioning center on the site with 1 year, the Township could rescind that permit or, at least, conduct a hearing with the property owner of what the future prospects are for the location.

At 2:18 C. Curtis made a motion to close out of the public hearing and return to regular session. L. Rizzo seconded and the motion carried.

Back in regular session, and with no added discussion from the Commissioners, K. Schuhknecht made a motion to recommend to the Watervliet Charter Township Board

the issuance of a Special Land Use Permit for a Michigan Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center for the property located at 3801 M-140 at the request of the property's current owner. C. Curtis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Commission, C. Curtis made a motion to adjourn. D. Heminger seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lohr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Lohr
Zoning Administrator