

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Prayer: Completed

Roll Call: Steven Gerberry - Present Richard Harkins - Present
Edward Whittaker - Present Fred Bobovnyk - Absent

New Business:

- 23-161 **MOTION TO *ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT ADULT-USE CANNABIS OPERATORS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY.***

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, voters in Ohio approved State Issue 2, which enacts new Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, effective thirty days from the date of the election and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 authorizes and regulates recreational adult-use cannabis in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3780.25 authorizes townships to prohibit or limit the number of adult-use cannabis operators (as defined in R.C. 3780.01) within the unincorporated area of the township and

WHEREAS, Medical marijuana is regulated in Ohio by Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3796.29 similarly authorizes townships to prohibit or limit the number of marijuana cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under Chapter 3796 within the unincorporated area of the township; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 16-090 adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 12, 2016, the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township prohibited medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and dispensaries within the limits of the township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees finds it to be in the best interest of the township to also prohibit adult-use cannabis operators, cultivators, dispensaries, and processors, licensed under Chapter 3780 within the unincorporated area of Weathersfield township;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1) All terms used in this resolution shall be defined in the same manner as in R.C. Chapter 3796, as it pertains to medical marijuana, and R.C. Chapter 3780, as it pertains to adult-use cannabis. All terms used in this resolution but not defined in those chapters shall be construed, for purposes of this resolution, in a manner to be consistent with the use of such terms in both chapters.
- 2) Adult-use cannabis operators, as well as cultivators, processors, and dispensaries of marijuana are hereby prohibited from operating within the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County.
- 3) It is the intent of the Board of Township Trustees to prohibit the operations described in Section 2 above to the maximum extent permitted by R.C. 3780.25, R.C. 3796.29, and any other applicable provisions of state law. This resolution shall be construed in a manner that gives maximum effect to that intent.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried

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Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 3:30 PM, Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 3:30 PM; Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM; and Tuesday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:23-162 Motion to *adjourn the meeting*.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee