

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting  
Special Meeting  
October 17, 2017 –10:00 A.M.

The special meeting of the Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor, Ron Campbell to hear information on the medical marijuana issue. Present were Revord, Fisher, Campbell, Britton and Begick.

Supervisor, Ron Campbell, informed those gathered that this was an informational meeting only and that no decisions would be made at this time.

Boji Group. Boji Group owns United Wholesale Grocer which is located in Frankenlust Township. They are interested in the board developing an Ordinance to allow them to transform their building into a facility to grow medical marijuana. A Power Point presentation was given on medical marijuana explaining the chemical (CBD cannabis oil) in the marijuana that is extracted to help patients with over 51 health issues. A video was presented of a young child it aided in decreasing the number of seizures she was having daily. They are interested in putting a facility in our Township that would produce up the 1500 plants to be used for medical purposes. This would provide jobs in our area and revenue to the Township.

Lieutenant Mark Przybylski. Lieutant Przybylski from the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department stated that a team of 35 inspectors would have to be used on a program called METRIC, which will follow and enforce the laws set up through an inspection process for medical marijuana from "seed to sale". Some townships in Bay County already involved are: Bangor, Beaver and Pinconning. Medical Marijuana laws have been in effect since 2008. A ballot proposal is being worked on for the 2018 elections dealing with recreational marijuana being legalized. There are no laws on how to regulate the recreational marijuana manufacturing, distribution and testing of drivers suspected of driving under the influence.

Note: Revord excused 11:05 a.m.

MMLE. Medical Marijuana Legal Experts representative, Tom Reif notified the board that their agency is able to provide the Township with any information needed, help in writing an ordinance, zoning ordinances, and helping the municipalities with a growing company. The 2008 Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA), gave a Caregiver the right to grow up to 72 plants for patients assigned to them. There currently are no guidelines for the handling of the excess marijuana that is raised or where it is grown (attic, basement, pole barn, next to a school, etc.). A start-up company will require approximately two-million dollars to set up and operate. Mr. Reif recommends hiring an official for the Township that will be in charge of enforcing the ordinance adopted for the facilities in the area. Mr. Reif expressed his concern that this would not be just a tax revenue issue but a medical and safety issue for our Township to consider for its residents.

Note: Begick excused 11:35 a.m.

Zoning Administrator. Rodney Nanney, Frankenlust Township Zoning Administrator, spoke on some of the positive parts of the issue, discussing the tax revenue and potential for growth in the township. He also spoke on the licenses the Township could provide for testing facilities and transportation facilities for this product. He posed questions on the general impact of marijuana production in our area. Mr. Nanney suggested that the township may need to do a study on the impact and consider the financial, ethical and safety issues of this idea.

Motion by Britton/Fisher to adjourn. 3 ayes, 0 nay. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk  
Ronald Campbell, Supervisor