

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
August 9, 2010
Page 1

PRESENT: Payne, Roncelli, Devine, Buckley, Barnett, Kepes, Savoie
Bill Hampton, Attorney, Secrest Wardle; Patti Voelker, Director, Planning,
Building & Ordinance Department; Leslie Helwig, Director, Community
Relations; Police Chief Kirt Bowden; Steve Cook, Captain, Police
Department

Medical Marijuana Ordinance –

Attorney Hampton advised the board that the two ordinances, which amend Chapters 22 and 42 of the Township's Code of Ordinances, have been revised based on comments from the last study session.

Patti Voelker described some of the highlights of the proposed ordinances:

- Defines medical marijuana usage for a register patient.
- Prohibits cultivation and/or distribution.
- Allows up to two patients per residential dwelling.
- Clarifies the purpose of registration.
- Permits medical marijuana usage in R-1, R-2, R-3 One-Family, RM Multiple-Family, and PRD Planned Residential Development.

Attorney Hampton stated that registration might be objectionable because there may be a question of privacy. However, it is a public safety issue. Registration protects the resident from the possibility of someone being harmed in a police raid. Under the ordinance, registration would be required; noncompliance would be considered a misdemeanor.

The Board agreed that these ordinances concentrate on the sensitivity and purpose of the medical marijuana law without addressing the business element, which in their opinion the voters never intended to be an aspect of the approved proposal.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance in September. If approved, the Board of Trustees will consider both ordinances in September/October.

All agreed that no matter the intent of voters with regards to the medical marijuana law, this industry brings crime into a community and must be carefully monitored.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
August 9, 2010
Page 2

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Per the Michigan Township Association Record Retention General Schedule #25, audio recordings of Board minutes may be destroyed one day after the date that the meeting minutes are approved by the public body (MCL 15.269).

JANET RONCELLI
TOWNSHIP CLERK

dm