

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27, 2013

Ken Gidner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Tom Van Wagner, Ken Gidner, Doug Lake, Tanya Riley Van Wagner, Rick Streams, Ed Plentz, and Theresa Friess. Ken Gidner mentioned that Otis Garrison and Bob Matejewski were excused from the meeting.

Ken Gidner called for review of the secretary's report of January 30, 2013. Doug Lake called to accept the secretary's report as written. Ed Plentz seconded the motion. Ken called for a vote. Yes = 7 No = 0. Motion carried.

Ken called for any other Business to bring before the planners tonight. No mention of any.

Ken Gidner said under Old Business, we should continue our discussion of the Medical Marijuana ordinance. Brad Creger had contacted Ken and asked if they could give a presentation to the "members of the special committee". Ken said that since they didn't have a special committee meeting they were welcome to come before the Planning Commission during our regular February meeting.

Mr. Brad and Laura Creger mentioned that they were looking to open a Marijuana Dispensary. Laura read their "Mission Statement" which included it being a "member's only club" to help people in their pain and suffering. They have friends and family members they have lost and feel that they could work to benefit many suffering people. They also mentioned that the TLC Compassion Club members will be contributing directly to Cambridge Township fund, with approximately \$2500 to \$5000 annually. This would be coming from their membership cost. The members would know that a portion of their donation cost will be going directly to Cambridge Township.

Many questions from several different commission members were answered by the Creger's. It was clarified that they wanted to be able to dispense medication to patients that did not have a "Caregiver." Brad felt that within 8 years the State of Michigan will be getting rid of the "Caregiver" and have allowed locations to dispense the needed "medications."

After further discussion back and forth with several different commission members it was brought to everybody's attention that the commission could do nothing about "allowing" them to open a Marijuana dispensary, which is clearly not allowed in the current Michigan law.

Brad and Laura Creger thanked the Planning Commission for allowing them to come in and discuss their business plans.


Ken Gidner asked for any new business to come before the planners. Ken Gidner will try and have the Public Hearing, scheduled for next month, for the Fence Ordinance changes recently being corrected. Ed Plentz explained the corrections which he had sent out to all members and asked for any questions. Documentation was clear and no questions came forth.

Next new business was brought up by Tom Van Wagner concerning our Future Land Use Plan. He mentioned that he will make sure the new members receive a copy of our plan. He will also redistribute the spreadsheet document that had suggested next steps for the township. After review of these documents, we will begin covering further steps.

Ken Gidner asked for any other new business. Ed Plentz mentioned that he has been asking when the planners would be getting updated copies of the Township Zoning Ordinances. He called this out to Harvey Hawkins attention and asked for his assistance to get this done.

Theresa Friess called out a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tanya Riley Van Wagner seconded the motion. Ken Gidner called for a vote. Yes = 7; No = 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Minutes respectfully submitted by Tanya Riley Van Wagner