

Charter Township of Portage  
Special Board Meeting – Medical Marijuana Options  
December 14, 2017  
Township Hall  
47240 Green Acres Road  
Houghton, MI 49931  
(906) 482-4310

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Tressa Alvarado, Treasurer Carol Little, and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, John Ollila, and Bill Fink.

**Medical Marijuana Presenters**

- A. **Medically – Physician’s Point-of-View:** Dr. McKenzie from Portage Health discussed how he has been very successful taking patients off narcotics by using Medical Marijuana. Has 2 years of experience prescribing medical marijuana and does not believe it to be an addictive drug. He states there are 11 indications for prescribing medical marijuana. Currently, any amount of THC Detectable in urine is considered driving impaired. CBD oil can be effective for treatment, but is not FDA regulated.
- B. **Law Enforcement – Regulatory Point-of-View:** Jason Wickstrom, Sargent for UPSET West team, presented statistics from Colorado of some negative outcomes since commercializing medical marijuana and legalizing recreational marijuana. Increase in traffic deaths involving drivers testing positive for marijuana, youth under 18 years old use of marijuana increased 12%, 18-25 years old use increased 16%, over 25 years old use increased 71%, crime increased 11%, annual tax revenue from sales was 0.8% of total state wide budget.
- C. **Legal Ramifications for Township for Opting In or Out:** Email from Attorney Nicholas Daavettila was presented. Attached.

**Board of Trustee’s Discussion:** Board members discussed their views and concerns regarding opting in with an ordinance allowing medical marijuana facilities. An emergency medical marijuana facilities ordinance was distributed and reviewed, corrections were suggested, attached.

**Public Comments:** Daniel Dufre expressed concern that if only 2 provisioning centers are allowed, that will make it difficult for those who have been operating legally to build up enough revenue to apply.

**Adjourn:**

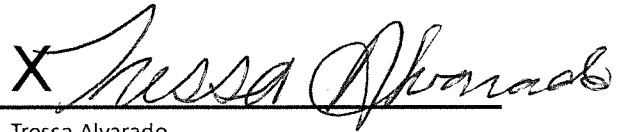
**Public Attendance:**

- 1. Kali Katerberg
- 2. Deborah Meadows
- 3. Tyler Ross
- 4. Jason Wickstrom
- 5. Douglas McKenzie, MD

6. Daniel Niemela
7. Levi Niemela
8. Nathan Anderson
9. Lee Switz
10. Mike Bach
11. Ricky Lurn
12. Ry Kochsiek
13. George Eckin
14. Dave Rulison
15. Linda Rulison
16. Michael Knapp
17. Daniel Dufre
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Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor

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Tressa Alvarado  
Township Clerk