

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
September 6, 2018**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Boogren, Clerk Borrett, Treasurer Roberts and Trustee Adams

Board Members Absent: Trustee Armatti

Also Present: A number of concerned citizens.

Agenda: Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Informational – Medical Marijuana Facilities (7a.): Supervisor Boogren stated he had met with a resident who presented a petition that had circulated for signatures of people interested in Forsyth Township having a dispensary. He welcomed the opinions of the attendees. Treasurer Roberts questioned the petition. The petition was to adopt zoning for Medical Marijuana licensing, processing, growing and selling. He reminded the attendees that the first step to the processes would be to send the issue to the Planning Commission. Leslie Watson, a Forsyth Township Resident, offered her opinion on use, crime and taxes. Dennis Stachewicz, a Forsyth Township Resident, offered his opinion on need, cost, local control, law enforcement, ratio of card holders versus providers, and devaluation of land. Diane Bostow, a Forsyth Township Resident, asked Mr. Stachewicz where he received his data, in which Mr. Stachewicz replied. Scott Meehan, a Forsyth Township Resident, commented on the regulations for Marijuana grown in a residence versus a dispensary. Connie Forrest, a Forsyth Township Resident, commented on the use of Marijuana versus Opioids. Lake Youngsworth, a Negaunee Township Resident, commented on caregivers, recreational use, training, and availability. Michael Hainstock, a Marquette Township Resident, commented on medical versus recreational facilities, safe growing may promote use, Township control, and different types. Randy Buchler, a Forsyth Township Resident, commented on use, types and security of dispensaries. ~~Lenny Lanny~~ Kraus, a Forsyth Township Resident, commented on use, location of safe dispensaries, and the current Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Adam Cournaya, a Forsyth Township Resident, commented on taxes, regulations, barcodes used on dispensary regulations, and black-market. Diane Bostow commented on growing.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Supervisor Boogren commented on medical patients, growers and zoning. He thanked the attendants for their comments and information. He also commented on his fiduciary commitment to the community. Treasurer Roberts concurred.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk