

February 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Richfield Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice Chairman, Frank Curtis. Those in attendance were Myra Condon, Frank Curtis, Don Reideler, and Cliff Williams. Mr. Ronau and Mr. Smith were unable to attend.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and one correction was noted. The resident on Raab Road with the mounded dirt and weeds in the front yard was typed incorrectly. The name should read Hartbarger. After correction, Mr. Williams moved to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Mr. Reideler. Roll Call: Mrs. Condon, yes; Mr. Curtis, yes; Mr. Reideler, yes; Mr. Williams. Yes

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

The Commission addressed the Medical Marijuana legislation presented late last year by the Trustees and the Lucas County Planning Commission. The Commission reviewed the Township Land Use Plan noting that C-1 and C-2 districts are restricted to the Central Avenue Overlay, Section 11 of the Zoning Manual. There is no M-1 or M-2 district. According to recent publications, Northwest Ohio has been granted one license for cultivation. That location is in Gibsonburg, Ohio. At this time, only two licenses to dispense will be allowed in Lucas County. One proposed location is at 3203 and 3209 West Sylvania Avenue which is within the City of Toledo limits. Toledo City Council approved a special use permit for Glass City Alternatives LLC to operate at this location. The second location has not been disclosed.

The law states that Medical Marijuana Facilities shall not be located within 500 feet of any school (K-12), church, public park, public playground, public library, pre-school, child day care center, publically owned property, or other use established specifically for the activities of minors. A large stretch of Central Avenue would be restricted because of Secor Metropark and Christ the Word Church. There is no city water or sewer available on Central Avenue from the Sylvania Township line and the Fulton County Line.

Another consideration is the fact that Marijuana remains an illegal substance on a federal level, which would prevent this business from accepting credit cards. According to WTOL 11, published Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Mark Jacobs, an attorney representing Glass City Alternatives LLC, stated that it is expected that transactions would be handled through local banks, but as far as the larger banks, the regional or national banks are staying away from this at this time. The release also states that it would be an all cash transaction which could be a security issue.

The Commission studied resolutions that have been prepared for Springfield and Jerusalem Townships. However, in the absent of Mr. Ronau, the Commission decided to postpone any recommendations until the March meeting.

At 8:10 pm there was no further business. Mr. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Mr. Reideler. Roll call: Mrs. Condon, yes; Mr. Curtis, yes; Mr. Reideler, yes; Mr. Williams; yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Condon, Secretary