



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Chair Brad Burke, Rachel McKenzie, Charles Tripp, Nancy Ingalsbee, Julie Emmons, Tom Morton

Absent: None

Others Present: Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator, Lori Castello of PCI, Joe Dye, City Manager

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2019 meeting was made by Rachel McKenzie, and supported by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion passed 6-0.

4) Public Comment

No public comments were heard concerning items not on the agenda.

5) Public Hearings

5A.1 – Special Use Permit Application- 805 Marshall

A special use permit application was received by Lucy and Daryl Lamar to operate an outdoor sales lot in the C-2 Zoning District at 805 Marshall. The property is .54 acres of land, with an existing 1200 square foot building including an office/retail/waiting area and two auto service bays. The applicants intend to continue the existing use of providing oil change services.

Nancy Ingalsbee, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to approve the special

use permit for 805 Marshall with the conditions of a maximum allowance of 15 cars to be on the lot at one time, only operable vehicles may be allowed on the property, and all vehicles must be parked on an improved concrete driveway. Motion passed 6-0.

5A.2 – Medical and Adult Marihuana Establishment Discussion

Community Development Coordinator Jordan Meagher explained that in November of 2019, the Allegan City Council passed a resolution to opt out of the new state medical/marihuana facility program, which prevented the establishment of marihuana facilities within the city limit. While the State continues to piece together a licensing program for recreational marihuana, the City Council directed the Allegan Planning Commission to begin studying the effects of marihuana facilities within a community, with a report due to City Council with recommendations for December 1, 2019. One of Council's additional directives was for the Planning Commission to hold at least one public hearing to receive input from the Allegan community. This meeting is the first opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Commission concerning the matter. No decisions would be made at this meeting.

Rachel McKenzie, supported by Tom Morton, made a motion to open the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0.

At the meeting, 23 members of the greater Allegan community addressed the Planning Commission with their thoughts on the matter.

Tom Morton, supported by Charles Tripp, made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0.

After public comments were received, the Allegan Planning Commission agreed to continue discussing the establishment of marihuana facilities at their next meeting.

6) Site Plan Reviews

7) Special Presentation

8) Discussion

9) Staff/Commission Comments

10) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

**Respectfully submitted by
Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator**