



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2019
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Chair Brad Burke, Rachel McKenzie, Charles Tripp, Nancy Ingalsbee, Julie Emmons, Peter Hanse, Tanya Westover and Jason Watts (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

Absent: Tom Morton

Others Present:, Lori Castello of PCI, Joe Dye, City Manager, and Nick Curcio, City Attorney

3) Motion to Amend the Agenda

Motion by Rachel McKenzie to amend the agenda by moving item 5A.1- Medical and Adult Marihuana Comparable Uses Discussion from the Public Hearings Section of the Agenda and placing this item under the Discussion portion of the agenda, due to the fact that this item is not a public hearing. Support by Julie Emmons. Motion Carried 7-0.

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Julie Emmons to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2019 meeting. Support by Rachel McKenzie. Motion passed 7-0.

4) Public Comment

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

5) Public Hearings

None

6) Site Plan Reviews

7) Special Presentation

8) Discussion

8.1 Medical and Adult Marihuana Comparable Uses Discussion

Staff presented a table that listed every permitted marihuana establishment allowed under the Medical and Adult Marihuana state law and how those individual establishments compared to existing land uses allowed in the City of Allegan and the zoning districts those existing land uses are allowed to occur in. The Planning Commission agreed that the marihuana establishments line up with the existing land uses selected by staff. The Planning Commission then directed staff to begin looking at ordinances and regulations that may permit certain marihuana establishments, however the Commission was clear that staff must come back with recommendations that take the following issues under consideration:

- Impact on Police Services in the City of Allegan.
- Impact on the City's Water and Sewer System.
- How to deal with odors from the establishments.
- Role of building code regulations as it relates to fire suppression and structural issues.
- No desire amongst the Planning Commission to see any of these establishments in the C-3 Zoning District.
- Impact on private security of the site and the general welfare of the public.

It was also noted by the Planning Commission that they are still in the study phase of this work and are in no way making a decision as to if they are in support or not in support of allowing marihuana establishments in the City of Allegan.

9) Staff/Commission Comments

10) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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