



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, June 17, 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, Peter Hanse, Julie Emmons, Tanya Westover and Jason Watts

Absent: Tom Morton, Nancy Ingalsbee

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

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Rachel McKenzie, to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting. 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 Marihuana Establishments Buffer Discussion

At the previous meeting, staff had been directed to present the Planning Commission with a series of maps that illustrated different buffer distances that could be placed between Allegan schools/parks and marihuana facilities.

After some discussion, the Planning Commission agreed upon the following points:

- A 500 foot buffer must be established between Allegan schools and marihuana provisioning centers, retailers, and microbusinesses
- No buffers for marihuana growers, processors, secure transporters, or safety compliance facilities
- No buffers between city parks and marihuana facilities
- Marihuana Microbusinesses are to be included in the M-1 zoning district
- A special use permit must be obtained before the establishment of a marihuana facility within the Allegan city limits.
- Marihuana facilities must obtain pre-qualified licensing from the State of Michigan prior to operation.
- City will charge an annual fee for operating a marihuana facility within the city limit.

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing at their July meeting to hold a first reading of the update marihuana ordinance. It was also recommended that the Planning Commission and City Council hold a joint session at City Council's July 8th meeting during their regularly scheduled pre-session to discuss the ordinance prior to first readings by both entities. The Planning Commission agreed to both hold a joint session on July 8th at 6:00pm with City Council and schedule a public hearing for the marihuana ordinance to be heard on July 15th at their regularly scheduled planning commission meeting at 6:00pm.

9) Staff/Commission Comments

10) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator