
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

ABSENT:

Janet Matsura, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nikki Tippet
Aric Klar

Joseph Aiello
Jeffrey Polkowski

Justin Dunaskiss
Joellen Shortley

Agenda included:

1. Discussion of Possible Adult Use Ordinance and Possible Associated Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and MMFL Ordinance
2. Possible Closed Session to Discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Communication
3. Public Comments

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by asking Joellen Shortley, Attorney, to explain the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance requirements that would be needed to proceed with offering an Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance in Waterford Township. According to Ms. Shortley, the first ordinance that allowed medical marijuana licenses to be awarded in the Township was based on a very competitive process. She spoke with numerous attorneys who specialize in this field and asked for their professional opinion regarding proceeding with the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance allowing the first medical licensees to be considered first for the Adult Use Marijuana Licenses. Her colleagues agreed the proposed ordinance would be appropriate given the initial ordinance was highly competitive.

The Trustees had numerous questions that Ms. Shortley answered. One of the questions pertained to the amount that may be charged for the application, and Ms. Shortley stated that the total fee cannot exceed \$5,000; therefore, if planning requires a fee, this will have to be covered in the \$5000 application fee. This application process would not be as extensive as the previous application process because these applicants were previously vetted and awarded licenses. However, there would still need a review from the Clerk's Office, DPW for paid water bills, Treasurer for paid taxes, and Planning for site plans and code violations.

Dates were considered to proceed with implementing an Adult Use Ordinance, and Mr. Polkowski was going to check to see if his announcement for the Oakland Press could be changed to include the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance. The plan would be for this ordinance to go to the Board of Trustees on July 10, 2023, for consideration for possible introduction.

Mr. Joseph Aiello requested the Board of Trustees to consider changing the times that they can be open, and it was agreed that the Board would consider the following times; change Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from closing at 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and allow Sunday hours to be 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Nikki Tippet thanked the Board for calling a special meeting to discuss this topic to enable the current business to continue operating by allowing for Adult Use Marijuana.

Trustee Bartolotta motioned to go into closed session with Attorney Client Privileges, and Clerk Markee seconded the motion. All present Trustees voted unanimously to go into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

Clerk Markee motioned to exit the closed session at 8:03 p.m., and Trustee Bartolotta seconded the motion. All present Trustees voted unanimously to exit the closed session. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.