

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

- **Meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairperson, Donna Romanak at 6:06 PM**
- **Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
- **Roll Call-Joe Wooding, Donna Bell, Rick Leland, Tina Loomis, Georgette Peterson, Donna Romanak: PRESENT. Jill Sanborn: ABSENT**

Other Attendees: Scott Graham (Township Attorney), Judy Daniels (Resident), Braxton Davis (Purple Valley Owner), Annie Funke (Resident), Erik Theriot (Green Standard Facility Director), Eric Stark (Quality Cannabis Attorney), William Steele (Quality Cannabis Owner)

Note: All votes were done by Roll Call

- **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Tina Loomis with support from Rick Leland to: **Approve the Agenda as written.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.

- **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Judy Daniels asked about the work being done at Quality Cannabis and if they had turned in the reports from EGLE. Scott Graham suggested that since it is an agenda item, this be discussed at that time.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by Rick Leland with support from Joe Wooding to **Approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2021 Special Meeting as Written.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.
2. **Motion** by Donna Bell with support from Tina Loomis to **Approve the Minutes of the July 4, 2021 Meeting as Written.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.
3. **Motion** by Georgette Peterson with support from Rick Leland to **Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2021 Meeting as Written.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.

SUP RENEWAL FOR WOODSIDE TRUSS AND LUMBER LLC

Attorney Graham asked Georgette Peterson if she received the application and the fee from Orlo Mast for the renewal. The response was in the affirmative. There were no changes made at the facility.

Motion by Georgette with support from Rick Leland to **Recommend approval of the SUP renewal to the Board for one year to September 1, 2022.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.

SUP RENEWAL FOR PURPLE VALLEY

Braxton Davis talked about changes from last year which included removing 2 buildings and implementing the indoor grow which was Phase 2. He said since they are not moving soil, they don't need a soil erosion permit. Georgette Peterson asked for a copy of the updated Soil Erosion Exemption. Attorney Graham discussed issues of the distance of all the structures: Because of the angle of the fence, where the chain link fence is on the SW corner of the property, and with the Southern most portion of the property being zoned commercial, the set-back is not in compliance with the Ordinance. Mr. Graham asked Braxton if he wanted to move the fence at least 40 feet; he said he did. He said the chain link fence is for security and privacy. Attorney Graham said the cloth barrier needs to be

something similar to what is around the other part of the property and there are some changes that need to be made on the Site Plan.

Attorney Graham told Mr. Davis that what needs to be done is to obtain the Drain Commission exemption, Move the chain link fence at least 40 feet and replace the screening with something similar to the rest of the Site.

Annie Funke said some of the neighbors told her the screening effort was not good. Joe Wooding asked if there is anything in his plan about planting trees and Tina Loomis asked Braxton if he could plant some trees to help with the view from the elevation of the road while heading South. Mr. Davis agreed to do so. It was noted that they have 3 Class C Medical licenses and are growing 3,000 plants outside and plan for 1,500 inside.

Motion by Joe Wooding with support from Rick Leland to **Recommend renewal of the SUP to November 15, 2021 to the Board with the following conditions being met by November 6, 2021:**

1. **Move the chain link fence at least back at least 40 feet**
2. **Screening adequate for privacy purposes and similar to the rest of the property**
3. **File a Complete Site Plan with the Township**
4. **Submit a Letter of Approval from the Fire Department to the Township**
5. **Plant trees on the North Side of the Property**
6. **File a Soil Erosion Permit or Letter of Exemption with the Township**

All in favor. **Motion** carried.

REVIEW OF SITE PLAN FOR GREEN STANDARD

Facility Director Erik Theriot was present. Attorney Graham reported that over the past month, they have submitted a series of documents. The engineer prepared something sealed but not complete. They submitted a series of 3 Site Plans trying to be compliant per Mr. Graham. They submitted a total of 11 and we now have the first compliant one. Attorney Graham said the Site Plan appears to be a model for what the Township is looking for. Discussion about screening took place.

Motion by Rick Leland with support from Joe Wooding to **Recommend approval of the Green Standard SUP to the Board until November 15, 2021 after Green Standard demonstrates that its screening blocks its marijuana plants from public view.** All in favor. **Motion** carried.

QUALITY CANNABIS REVIEW

Attorney Eric Stark reported they are still waiting for part 301 permit from EGLE. Attorney Graham said there was a letter from EGLE received on August 24, 2021 raising concerns. He said everyone has the same goal of approval from EGLE. Judy Daniels said when EGLE came out, they did not do a wetland delineation study and the issues with the stream have been going on for more than 4 months. William Steele said there have been many e-mails between him and Derek Harrelson (EGLE) and he was out yesterday. He said Mr. Harrelson said everything was ok except some rocks had to be moved 12 inches. Judy Daniels said big rocks were moved with a dump truck and that's when the water started flowing. Attorney Graham said that either EGLE issues a permit or they don't. Mr. Steele said it is hard to get on EGLE's radar. Attorney Graham said that is true but once you are on their radar, they like to close the book. Georgette Peterson noted that as they were out yesterday would indicate they were on EGLE's radar. Attorney Graham said that as this was the second time EGLE was out, Quality Cannabis is on their radar. Attorney Eric Stark read an email from Tim, who is with Quality Cannabis, to Derek Harrelson, who is with EGLE. There has been no response yet. It was agreed that if Mr. Harrelson replied agreeing to the facts in the email, it would indicate Quality Cannabis had complied.

Motion by Georgette Peterson with support from Rick Leland to **Recommend to the Board that a stop work order be issued from the Township for the site until EGLE has approved the Quality Cannabis application.**

Ayes: Donna Bell; Rick Leland; Tina Loomis; Georgette Peterson
Nays: Joe Wooding; Donna Romanak

Motion carried

- **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Annie Funke said she would like to see the PC get back to doing PC work.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Peterson, Secretary