

**ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DONNA ROMANAK, TEMPORARY CHAIR AT 6:10 PM.**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Donna Bell, Joe Wooding, Rick Leland, Georgette Peterson, Donna Romanak, Scott Graham (Township Attorney)

Absent: Tina Loomis, Jill Sanborn

Other attendees: Annie Davidson-Funke (resident), Steve Rookus (owner of the previously named Engle Farm), Lorraine Crandall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Donna Romanak made a Motion with support from Joe Wooding:

To approve the Agenda as written:

All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

Rick made a Motion with support from Joe to:

Approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Annie Davidson-Funke said she is glad that someone is looking at opening the Engle Farm again. She added that there needed to be a SUP, the house had been misrepresented and can't be used unless they get a PUD, the fire department has to go in there and there were no proper bathroom facilities.

**ENGLE FARM WEDDING VENUE PRESENTATION**

Steve Rookus spoke about his plan for the previous Engle Farm property that he is currently referring to as Old Grove Farm. It is located at 39940 CR 673 in Lawrence, Mi. He presented the Commission with a Site Plan. He is planning on a 225-person facility. He has another wedding venue named Something Blue on 28<sup>th</sup> Street in Waverly Township.

He is submitting his request tonight and would like to have a Public Hearing as soon as possible. Donna R asked about the bride's dressing room. Georgette asked about the plan for getting to the parking area. Rick asked if Steve foresaw any traffic congestion with possibly 200 cars. Steve thought it will be around 100 cars with a 225-person event. Steve's wife is hoping for the first wedding to be in August 2022. He said if the commercial bathrooms are not completed, he would ask for porta potties and wash stands in the interim and he plans to hire local people to work

there. Annie stated that it was the old Judd Farm. Lorraine asked about food; Steve said everything is catered.

#### **UPDATE ON PROCESSING SUP RENEWALS FOR MARIJUANA GROW OPERATIONS**

Donna Bell commented on the odor. Rick pointed out that it is mainly the outdoor grows. Joe said we should encourage them to put filters in their buildings when they are drying and they didn't know about the odor when they started this.

Discussion about indoor grows vs outdoor grows. Joe suggested that we make them put 25% indoors each year until they are 100% indoor.

Annie said the DEA is going to make marijuana legal.

Donna Bell said we need to preserve green space; we need to be proactive and use conservation methods.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Annie said everyone should have something from EGLE.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Donna Romanak spoke about the PC membership, when their terms end, and the Planning Act.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Georgette Peterson, Secretary