

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING **-DRAFT-**  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Township Hall Room  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 **6:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT:

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: Chair Scott-Craig, Vice Chair Lane, Commissioners Hendrickson, Premoe, Richards, Shrewsbury, Trezise

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Public Works Director Perry, Police Chief Plaga, Fire Chief Hamel, IT Director Gebes, Community Planning Director Kieselbach, Township Attorney Patterson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Township Board and the Planning Commission.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:05 pm.

John Fraser, 2290 Science Pkwy, Okemos; spoke in support of Medical Marihuana Ordinances (Agenda Item 12A)

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery St., Eaton Rapids; spoke on Agenda Item 12A.

Lynne Page, 3912 Raleigh Dr., Okemos; spoke in opposition of Agenda Item 12A.

Travis Wilson, 2180 Cider Mill Dr., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Mike Callton, 224 Washington St., Nashville; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Matthew Roman, 1573 Penistone St., Birmingham; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:25 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Clerk Dreyfus moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Deschaine.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

6. JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION

A. Medical Marihuana Non-Zoning/Zoning Ordinances

Director Kieselbach provided an overview of the current draft non-zoning and zoning ordinances.

Discussion: types and number of permits allowed, permit process, overlay districts, differences between 5 types of medical marijuana facilities, market forces will dictate actual number of permits requested by applicants, difficulty in locating provisioning centers in Township due to lack of available properties in overlay districts, federal loan prohibitions currently restrict property owners with federally-backed loans from leasing to a marijuana facility, current draft ordinance was drafted after much debate and compromise, 21 permits cover all five (5) facility types, maximum of 6 provisioning centers, likely to have less than 6 provisioning centers due to various barriers, recreational vs medical marijuana issues in the future, Township has control over allowing recreational facilities in future, fees and revenues from marijuana facilities that the Township could receive, bonding applicants, restricting processors to industrial zones, odor concerns, odor control technologies odor violation fines start at \$1,000 per infraction, need to avoid exclusionary zoning, community safeguards built into the ordinance, revocation clause in ordinance, Planning Commission should recommend Special Use Permit (SUP) to Board and not have final decision, current odor/nuisance ordinances can also be used for enforcement, facility separation, buffer zones.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 8:06 pm.

Cindy Liu, 1575 Maiden Ln., Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 12A.

Lynne Page, 3912 Raleigh Dr., Okemos; spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 12A.

Rob Baldori, 2719 Mt. Hope, Okemos; spoke in support to Agenda Item 12A.

Jeff Neilson 2455 Barnsbury Rd., East Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Johnathan Stock, 5322 Otter Dr., Lansing; spoke in support of Agenda Item 12A.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 8:20 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Jackson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.**

VOICE VOTE:                      Motion carried              7-0

**Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.**

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RONALD J. STYKA,  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS,  
TOWNSHIP CLERK