

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON  
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Basket in the Hampton Township Board Room.

PRESENT: Leinberger, Klass, Brey, Basket, Talaga, Dewyse, Mulders

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sheppard, Hebner, Joe Dewyse, and 40 people in the audience.

Motion by Leinberger seconded by Mulders that the minutes of the September 12, 2019, regular meeting be approved and that the reading of the minutes be waived. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Weaver Investments, 951 N Callahan Rd, appeared before the board to request a special use permit and site plan review for the operation of a medical marijuana grow facility in the existing building. The previous public hearing was recessed so all board members could be present.

Discussion was held on the following: Mulders asked if the new plans submitted were in fact different than the previous ones. The applicant has made changes to show the generator.

Rich discussed the conditions that he would recommend if the special use was to get approved. More landscaping be provided, discontinue hemp growing, a new site plan be submitted if a horse stable is to be constructed, scrubber/carbon filters on all exhaust fans, violations can result in revoking the special use and also denial of the yearly permit, must possess a state MM license, a generator be added to the property, wording changed to note the air flow in/out, there be sound buffering for the six air conditioning units, the applicant receive site plan approval, all plans be updated and approved by Spicer and the building inspector.

At this time the meeting was open to the public for comments: Only new information from the public will be allowed, and the public can speak for a maximum of 2 minutes per person.

Tisha Johnson, 671 E Warner Rd, has two small children and doesn't want to expose them to the MM. The applicant needs to think about the children in that area.

Keith Harrington, 630 E Warner Rd, worried about theft, property values, and security in the area. He is against the MM facility.

Paul Hugo, 821 E Warner Rd, requested the board to listen to the public and turn down the special use permit.

Jack Stehle, 300 Wildhaven, doesn't feel it belongs in the residential area.

Ketih Schofner, Weaver's attorney, stated all technical issues were addressed, explained how the systems and operations work, there will be a backup generator, and no odors. The applicant must comply with all the conditions set forth. The township has the leverage to revoke the special use at any time.

Mark Weaver, Weaver Investments, LLC, there will be negative pressure throughout the building. Scrubbers will be installed. They will comply with all landscaping conditions.

Rick Samyn, 651 E Warner Rd, asked for a show of hands of who was for the MM facility and who was against the facility.

Linda Weaver, Weaver Investments LLC, noted that they did receive a state license to grow hemp. Hemp has a worse smell than MM. By the board saying no to medical marijuana they would be saying to yes to hemp.

Mary Smith, 1164 W Hampton Rd, asked what the expense and profit difference is between the MM business and the hemp business.

Mark Weaver responded that the MM is regulated by the township and the state. Hemp is only regulated by the Dept. of Ag. There are a lot more restrictions for the MM than the hemp.

Brad Wood, 1141 N Callahan Rd, asked what the township gains by allowing this facility? The only revenue at this point is the \$5000.00 application fee.

Mary Wesolowski, 757 E Borton Rd, doesn't think that ground should be used for this purpose.

Keith Schofner, stated there are people in the area who are in favor of the facility. The township would receive personal property taxes and the assessed value of the property would increase as well causing the property taxes to increase.

At this time the meeting was closed to the public.

The board reviewed the letters provided by Weaver Investments in favor of the facility.

Leinberger noted that the board should also have a maintenance schedule for the scrubbers per the manufactures specifications and have Spicer make final approval.

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Motion by Leinberger seconded by Brey to approve the special use permit to Weaver Investments, 951 N Callahan Rd, for the operation of a medical marijuana grow facility in the existing building with all the conditions mentioned above. The project meets all the specifications, it is a good use of the facility, the applicant is aware of the conditions and understands that the special use permit can be revoked at any time, and the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the special use.

AYES: Leinberger, Brey  
NAYES: Basket, Mulders, Dewyse, Klass, Talaga  
ABSENT: None  
Motion denied.

It was noted that since the public hearing was recessed and the previous meeting's vote ended in a tie to deny the special use permit, that is how the motion should be voted on.

Motion by Dewyse seconded by Talaga to deny the special use permit to Weaver Investments, 951 N Callahan Rd, for the operation of a medical marijuana grow facility in the existing building as it is not harmonious with the surrounding area.

AYES: Dewyse, Talaga, Basket, Mulders, Klass  
NAYES: Leinberger, Brey  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:  
No one addressed the board.

Motion by Dewyse seconded by Leinberger that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mark Basket, Chairperson

Jodie Hebner, Recording Secretary