

Committee of the Whole/Town Hall Meeting Monday, September 30, 2019 10:30 a.m.

RE: Legalized Adult Recreational Cannabis Dispensary

Trustees/Dept Heads in attendance: Trustee Ryan LeBran, Trustee Robert Redmond, Trustee Brian Tieri, Trustee Darren Westphal, Trustee Brian Billingsley, Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Watson, Village Administrator Catherine Wojnarowski, Finance Director Robert Romo, Community Development Director Pam Hirth, Fire Chief Jim Keener and Police Chief Don Barber.

Media Present: Rob West & Lee Provost

Mayor Pro Tem Watson presided and opened the Meeting.

Administrator Wojnarowski spoke in regards of Public Act 101-0027 effective 1/1/20 legalizing the possession & private use of Cannabis referenced fact sheet from IML printed for anyone interested. Pointed out restrictions in Public places, schools & child care facilities, etc.

Dispensaries can be allowed and regulated by Board decision.

Mayor began calling Public Comment speakers.

#1-Larry Denoyer -484 Ida Ln, Bradley, IL –Promote/In favor of recreational dispensary.

Had opposed all his life. Came down with shingles a year or so ago. He had been given opioids by doctor for pain. Used for 3 days-did not like effects. Tried medical marijuana (nephew out of state with cancer had) & it helped him with little to no side effects & no addiction. Researched the use for medical purposes i.e. cancer, seizures joint pain. Requested people open their minds.

#2-Alesha Basel-2390 W Station St, Kankakee, IL 60901 (K3 County Health Dept) Opposed to dispensary.

Opposes a dispensary due to the Youth perception of harm i.e. alcohol, vaping, tobacco use & detrimental effects of all to youth. Realizes recreational Cannabis will be legal but if a dispensary is allowed in Bradley, hopes there will be a review of how close advertising can be near schools.

#3-John Beavis (unsure if correct spelling)-2390 Station St, Kankakee, IL 60901 (K3 County Health Dept)

Opposes-disputes subjects claiming it is not addicting to adults & youth. 1 out of 10 adults become addicted. Increase in Mental Health Disorders which is a big impact on Mental Health Services/costs for such. Impact on Pregnancy/Birth issues. Cited Colorado Stats since they have gone with legal recreational use-236% increase in Hospital stays, 13% increase in auto accidents along with Higher Traffic death rate. Questions the Hiring/Job impact/Mandatory drug testing.

#4-Chris Mazur-148 N Cleveland Ave, Bradley, IL. In favor of recreational dispensary location in Bradley. She is a former Art/Pottery Gallery owner who feels legal recreational Cannabis encourages more diversity in the field of art and culture and would make our community more attractive in that area. Spoke of the detrimental effect of fentanyl products entering this country from China/Mexico.

#5-Tim L'ecuyer-412 S Forest Ave, Bradley, IL. In favor of recreational dispensary. He is a retired State Penitentiary worker. He does not advocate for youth to have access to it but fully support adult recreational use. He said as to how it would impact job related issues, it is a personal choice & responsibility of the job holder. His work had 0 tolerance. He said it will be legal so Bradley may as well try to reap the benefits of it tax wise by allowing dispensaries.

#6-Steve Lagesse-1396 Marla Terrace, Bradley, IL Is for the dispensary in Bradley. Cited Marijuana is/could be a \$52 billion dollar business (Federal) & Bradley should allow so that we could reap some of the benefits of the tax dollars. He talked of Kickapoo Creek (Bloomington, IL) many years ago. He states teen use of illegal cannabis should lesson if Legal Dispensaries and Law Enforcement make it harder on illegal dealers.

#7-Kyle Nelson-Bradley, IL (exact address not listed, possible 236 S Forest Ave, Bradley, IL) In favor of Dispensary for medical and recreational. Mom used medicinally for cancer. He stated alcohol has been far more detrimental than cannabis use has been. He said the Village could use the tax dollars to repair roads in the Village & to help the schools.

#8-Bill Barnes-Duane Dean Behavior Health-neither for nor against. Stated most of the 173 patients they have are addicted to some type of Opioid. Has worked with/spoken to Coroner Gessner & most of all OD deaths are related to Opioids.

#1-Larry Denoyer spoke again (could not hear)

#6-Steve Lagesse-addressed the issue of Speakers from Kankakee (not home addresses) Business address coming in to speak.

#5-Tim L'ecuyer-% of tax dollars will go to Kankakee, Bourbonnais, Manteno or other agency. Feels tax dollars should come to Bradley.

Administrator Wojnarowski - showed time line/flow for legal dispensary.

#3-John Beavis wanted to know if the 2 meetings this week will be deciding factor for the board.

#8-Bill Barnes-Legal Weed vs Illegal weed laced with fentanyl. Kids are going to smoke it regardless. Maybe they will have less access to illegal if we have a legal dispensary.

#6-Steve Lagesse-effects of use.

Adjournment.

