The meeting started at 1:00 p.m. using GoToMeeting due to COVID-19 in accordance with the Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 2020-48 and the social distancing requirements with Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 2020-59.

A discussion opened about marijuana (marijuana) and the impact it could possibly have on Waterford Township. This is only for medical marijuana in the Township. Attorney Dovre opened by explaining the Michigan Law regarding medical marijuana. It was suggested the facilities' locations should be determined by the Zoning in the Township, along with a site approval plan. At this time, Waterford is planning to allow two licenses per approved operation by the State such as; Grower, Processor, Secure Transporter, Safety Compliance Facility, and Provisioning Center. These five operations may be allowed in Waterford, but limited to two per each operation.

Applicants must be approved by the State and then approved by Waterford Township. Each applicant will be charged $5,000 to apply which is non-refundable. In addition to the application fee there will be an annual renewal license fee of $5,000, to help offset the support provided by the Township such as Code Enforcement, Police and Fire.

We must ensure our wells are protected. Waterford will not allow for a bypass for irrigation.

The trustees tentatively agreed to compromise on a 750’ buffer from residential zones. It was suggested to measure from centerline to centerline.

When selecting who will be given a license to operate in Waterford, a point system will be used based on specific factors. Full disclosure will be provided regarding the points available. Attorney Dovre will make a list of specifications and send it to the Trustees.

Thoughtful discussion incurred regarding concerns for smells from grow operation facilities. There are smell meters that code enforcement could possibly purchase, however, common sense and going to where the complaint is occurring would most likely be enough to determine if there was a foul odor coming from the grow operation. Today’s technology provides many ways to deter the odor from transmitting into the surrounding community such as filters.

Security was discussed and two security guards would be preferred at each facility.

Signage was discussed, and would have to be approved by the Planning and Development Committee according to the ordinance. A more conservative sign would be preferred, with possibly only an address.
Hours of operation were agreed to, and will be between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Clerk Markee read some public comments. A few callers requested the map be emailed to them, and Clerk Markee provided her email address for them to make a request.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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Kim Markee, Clerk

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Gary Wall, Supervisor