

# VASSAR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

June 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

6:30 pm Meeting called to order. Pledge led by Vice Chair Troy Eurich

## **Roll Call:**

Orville Hartung-present

Troy Eurich-present

Shaun McDonnell-present

Ben Partridge-present

Sam Tester-present

Devin Foether-Excused

Nicole Tenney-absent

Vice Chair Troy Eurich is filling in for Chair Devin Foether while he is absent.

Vice Chair Troy Eurich open with setting Public Hearing date for Bud Bundy Farms LLC.

Ben Partridge motions to set Public Hearing date for Bud Bundy Farms LLC for July 19<sup>th</sup> at Township Park starting at 6pm.

Shaun McDonnell seconds.

All in favor, motion passes.

Vice Chair Troy Eurich to set Public Hearing date for 664 State Rd MMFLA and MRTMA special land use renewals.

Ben Partridge motions to set Public Hearing date for 664 State Rd MMFLA and MRTMA special land use renewals for July19th at Township Park starting at 6pm.

Troy Eurich seconds.

All in favor, motion passes.

6:36, Vice Chair Troy Eurich opens Public Hearing for Vassar Tech Farms LLC.

Representative states that they submitted all requested paperwork that was asked for in the previous meeting and can hopefully receive approval at this time.

Riley Petty asks why this hasn't been taken care of by now?

Ben Partridge states because the Planning Commission needed more information and certain documents to be fixed in order to proceed in the process of approving or disapproving the application. This is why we are having this meeting.

Robert Muhlitner is concerned about water usage and zoning.

Ben Partridge states that it is zoned correctly for what the applicants are requesting.

Joe Cesar asks who inspects the facilities from the township? Is there background checks on applicants and their employees? Who pays for police protection and security? And asked about the buildings being used because of them being greenhouses.

Amy Mocny explains that there has been a new position made to accommodate all of the marihuana applications and facilities that with coordinate with the Zoning Administrator to ensure proper procedures are being done.

Jane Cesar states that the drive to a cemetery has been taken over, also concerned about water usage, waste disposal, how many employees and doesn't believe they will be able to grow there because of the ground.

Chris Dunham asks about the ordinances and how many plants there will be. Wants to review ordinances at the next Township meeting, and asks why did the applicants put all of this work and money into the property before getting approval from the Township?

7:17, Vice Chair Troy Eurich asks if there are any more comments? Close public hearing for Vassar Tech Farms LLC.

7:17, Vice Chair Troy Eurich opens public hearing for Releaf Farms LLC.

Public states all questions and statements apply to both applications.

7:20, Vice Chair Troy Eurich closes public hearing for Releaf Farms LLC.

7:21, Vice Chair Troy Eurich opens Planning Commission discussion for Vassar Tech Farms LLC and Releaf Farms LLC.

Ben Partridge opens with asking where on the blueprints the cemetery was and the representative pointed it out to the Commission and stated that they were trying to preserve what was there, was also clarification on the name of the business on the new paperwork that was submitted by the applicants.

Orville Hartung asks about the odor control and the applicant responded that with the system that they have in place that no smell or odor should escape the premises.

Troy Eurich asks about the fencing and security and the applicant responded with there is fencing around the first 10 buildings currently and will do the same with the others, they have cameras that are monitored and will have an unarmed security guard 24/7.

Ben Partridge asks about potential power outages and how it would affect the system. The applicants responded that they have backup batteries and a generator.

Sam Tester referenced areas where farming more or less took over and people that didn't want to be around it moved and that it was up to land owners on what they decide to do with their property.

Shaun McDonnell had nothing to add at this time.

Ben Partridge motions to postpone a decision on Vassar Tech Farms LLC because of non-clarity about the cemetery and pending further documents and input from Chair Devin Foether, until a special meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm

Vice Chair Troy Eurich seconds.

All in favor, motion passes.

Ben Partridge motions to postpone a decision on Releaf Farms LLC also because of non-clarity about the cemetery and pending further documents and input from Chair Devin Foether, until a special meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm.

Orville Hartung seconds.

All in favor, motion passes.

Orville Hartung motions to adjourn. Ben Partridge seconds.

All in favor, motion passes and meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Submitted by: Shaun McDonnell (acting secretary)

