

**VASSAR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL  
MEETING**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**6:30 PM**

6:30 pm Meeting called to order. Pledge led by Chair Devin Foether

**Roll Call:**

Ben Partridge – Present

Orville Hartung – Present

Devin Foether(Chair) – Present

Shaun McDonnell – Present

Sam Tester - Present

Chair D. Foether opens with Planning Commission continued discussion and questions for Vassar Tech Farms LLC and Releaf Farms LLC and asks the commission for their questions and concerns.

Hartung asks about the notices of violations that the applicants were issued and that were recently received by the Commission.

D. Foether and Amy discuss when the violations were issued and when the permits for the site were approved and agree that the applicants were doing everything in the application process the correct way and the violations will be

addressed. The representative also stated that no work has been done since the violations were issued and was waiting for the Planning Commissions approval to move forward with construction.

Hartung asks about the ventilation system and if it's sufficient for use in this application.

The representative responds that the carbon filtration system that they have in place will recycle the air and the end result should eliminate and control all odors produced from the plants.

McDonnell has no questions at this time.

Partridge states that he inquired about the cemetery with the county and state of Michigan and found that the land owners have to have the deed to the land changed with the cemetery added onto it for it to be acknowledged. The representative responds that they will have that done to preserve the cemetery.

Member of the public asks if the Township had anything to do with the cemetery ordinances and that she was still concerned about the applicant's water usage at the site.

D.Foether answers not at this time and that we are currently working on and redoing Township ordinances so that they are more thorough and explanatory. Also that we have already discussed and addressed the water table concerns and that the applicants have a water recycling process in place to return the water back into the ground to reduce impact to the environment but if they were willing to figure out a way to keep track of the usage and adjust it if there is a negative impact, we could add it as a side note in the application.

D. Foether states there are conditions that must be included in the application for approval starting with,

- 1) Steel building is not approved for growing, it is only approved for business IT, Security Office, and Restroom use. Approval for grow and/or processing in steel building must be attached to a separate Special Land Use Permit.

2) Must maintain greenbelt that is adjacent to parcel 020-011-000-1500-01 to minimize line of site past that parcel's north lot line as long as operations are maintained.

3) Submission of final septic permitting.

7:31 – Partridge steps away

7:34 – Partridge returns

D. Foether motions to approve Vassar Tech Farms LLC located at 4855 Oak Rd for Special Land Use Permit for a class C grow with conditions. S. Tester seconds.

Roll call vote:

B. Partridge – Yes

S. Tester – Yes

O. Hartung – Yes

S. McDonnell – Yes

D. Foether – Yes

Motion carries.

D. Foether motions to approve Releaf Farms LLC located at 4855 Oak Rd for Special Land Use Permit for class C grow with conditions and submission of final septic permitting.

Roll call vote:

B. Partridge – Yes

S. Tester – Yes

O. Hartung – Yes

S. McDonnell – Yes

D. Foether – Yes

Motion carries.

D. Foether motions to amend conditions for Vassar Tech Farms LLC located at 4855 Oak Rd to include the condition of submission of final septic permitting. S. Tester seconds.

Roll call vote:

B. Partridge – Yes

S. Tester – Yes

O. Hartung – Yes

S. McDonnell – Yes

D. Foether – Yes

Motion carries.

No public comment.

D. Foether motions to adjourn. S. Tester seconds

8:12 meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Shaun McDonnell (acting secretary)

