

West Branch Township Planning Commission

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Public Hearing January 2nd 2024

Public Hearing Opened with the Pledge: by Vice Chairman Dantzer at 6:00 PM

Roll Call of the Board Present – Dantzer, Beck, Bak. **Absent** – Bell & Selinski

Public in Attendance – 3 people were in attendance during the Public Hearing

Public Comments – Special Use Permit for 2814 Cook Road (Marijuana Facility) – There were comments regarding the facility. Some of the comments included the overall site, the challenges that the project has had since original approval in 2022, information was also provided regarding the original contingencies but on the project regarding MDOT approvals. There was also some discussion about the quantity of marijuana facilities in the west branch region overall.

After NO Additional Public comment, Vice Chairman Dantzer Closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 PM

Regular Meeting January 2nd 2024

Regular Meeting Called to order by Vice Chairman Dantzer at 6:20 PM after Public Hearing was closed.

Roll Call of the Board Present – Dantzer, Beck, Bak. **Absent** – Bell & Selinski

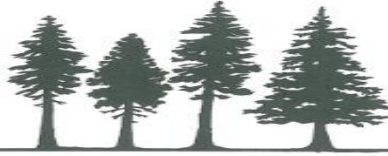
Public Present – Zoning Administrator & 3 Citizens in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings held: December 5th 2023

MOTION BY BAK AND 2ND BY BECK TO APPROVE TO MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5TH 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. ALL YES ON ROLL CALL.

New Business:

Special Use and Site Plan Review for 2814 Cook Road (Marijuana Facility) – The board was provided with copies of the Special Use permit and Site plan review for the project. The board had discussion regarding the layout of the site, the drives in and out of the project, and also reviewed the same contingencies that were put in place on the project back in 2022. It was also mentioned that this would be the last marijuana facility for West Branch Township as under township ordinance there is only two available licenses for retail facilities and this project would be for the second license available in West Branch Township. It was also asked in the planned electric vehicle charging stations were still part of the plan for the project as it was in 2022.



MOTION BY BAK AND 2ND BY BECK TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR 2814 COOK ROAD. ALL YES ON ROLL CALL WITH SELINKSI & BELL ABSENT.

Old Business: NONE

Public Comment – Comments were made about the number of Marijuana Facilities in the West Branch region by a citizen in attendance. The board tried to explain the difference in ordinances and number of facilities between the township and the city but the citizen had a lack of understanding of that. The reps. from Wise Guys farms also provided a bit more details of their project including potential time lines. Also comments were made pertaining to Facebook postings and false claims of the meeting not being posted correctly which it was refuted that it was posted under the requirements of the West Branch Township Zoning ordinance and also the Michigan Zoning Enabling act as well.

MOTION BY BAK SECOND BY BECK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:35 PM WITH SELINSKI & BELL ABSENT.

Approval Date

Jeremy R. Hickmott, Zoning Administrator