

**Ross Township
Special Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2018
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Richland, MI 49083**

A special Ross Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moore at 3:30pm.

Roll Call was a follows:

Present:	Jeff Price	Diana Langshaw	Norm Kellogg
	Gary Moore	Cynthia Genung	Robb Blain
	Sid Durham		

Absent: None

Also Present: Rob Thall – Township Attorney

A motion to approve the agenda was presented by Trustee Langshaw and supported by Trustee Durham and carried.

Attorney Consultation regarding legal memorandum dated June 5, 2018:

A motion by Trustee Durham, supported by Trustee Blain to enter into a closed session at 3:35pm under section 8(H) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from disclosure by State Statute, Section 13 (1) (G) of the Freedom of Information Act, being a letter from its attorney dated 6-5-2018, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under State law due to the attorney client privilege. A roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Price-yes, Trustee Langshaw-Yes, Clerk Kellogg-Yes, Supervisor Moore-Yes, Treasurer Genung-Yes, Trustee Blain-Yes, and Trustee Durham-Yes. The motion carried with all Ayes.

A Motion by Trustee Durham supported by Trustee Price to exit the closed session at 4:16pm and carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Lynn Harmon – Ross Township Sustainable Development – repeal 205 and 209. Transparency not clear – Board Members elected or appointed should not have enacted 205 and 209. Lack of trust of leadership, no repeal – resign.

No Name – Zoning Questions –MTA to protect rural residential properties. Rural Residential zoning should not create, noise, dust, odor, etc. problems for neighbors.

No Name: Valid information from tax payers, no information from Board members in minutes on opting in. What studies were conducted to justify the adoption of 205 and 209? Children will be living next to medical marihuana facilities. Wants an answer why this is a perfect fit for our community.

Dave Sankowitz- Disappointed with Board communication on medical marihuana issues. Expected a mailing to all residents. Board minutes not complete. Other townships had public/informational meetings. Share information with all.

Laura Williams- repeal 205 and 209. Incompatible with Ross Township land use. Attorney Thall, where are our answers requested by Trustee Durham. Ask for a parliamentarian to manage proceedings. My house is worth \$48,000 less. Has worked so long and hard for her home to be in the area of medical marihuana facilities. Fire Attorney Thall, repeal 205 and 209. What will we look like and smell like in 10 years?

Jenny Doan – Hire private investigators – for monitoring water, soil, air, etc quality as a baseline.

Rob Baker – why say the Pledge of Allegiance? Are you doing this strictly for the money? Do Board members take a pledge to protect the residents? Is there anything the Board is considering – hundreds of people do not want Medical Marihuana facilities in Ross Township.

No Name- Reasonably educated people in Ross Township. Someone sold this to you – explain – sell it to us on why we need Medical Marihuana facilities.

Richard Markols – 200 plus people – no response from the Board on questions. Do not need Medical Marihuana facilities. Moved to Ross Township for residential seclusion. If the Board Members are profiting from this you should be ashamed.

No Name – agree with previous comments, change sites to industrial areas. Find steps to collaborate, hear from the Board and residents. The residents represent many no grow people.

No Name- Was a part of the Military and moved many times. Also a public school teacher and has watched schools closed due to lack of enrollment. Will this affect the school system in the future? Is the property we are looking at going to decline in value?

Member Time:

Trustee Durham stated that he would not be here for the June 12, 2018 Board Meeting due to a previous commitment.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was presented by Trustee Durham, supported by Trustee Blain and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted:

Norm Kellogg
Ross Township Clerk