

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Brown, Heilman, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Police Lieutenant Hettinger, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on January 16, 2017.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Greg Rochlin, Ilera Healthcare LLC, thanked the Board for allowing his company to attend the meeting. He said Ilera Healthcare, in partnership with Phoenix IP Ventures, is a firm that he is opening in Pennsylvania. He introduced Zoltan Kerekes and Lisa Gray with Phoenix IP Ventures. Mr. Kerekes explained that Phoenix IP Ventures deals with pharmaceuticals and Ilera is the group they formed as a result of Pennsylvania enacting the law to legalize medical cannabis. He shared his professional history as well as the history of his company. There will be three people from Phoenix IP Ventures partnering with three other individuals to form Ilera Healthcare. He said their pharmaceutical background fits well with this new industry because they see the medicinal value of cannabis. He explained the regulations governing cannabis sales in Pennsylvania. It is a very tightly controlled process.

Mr. Rochlin shared his background including medicinal cannabis manufacturing in Maryland. He said they have been looking for a location for their new company for quite a few months and are very excited about the property at 12 Industrial Drive. He said they will bring fifty jobs to the area within the first three to four months and a projected \$30 million in sales in the very near future. He said a large percentage of their profits will be invested into the community as well as research.

Mr. Rochlin shared a slideshow with statistics and information on their business as well as medicinal cannabis in general. The license they are applying for includes cultivation/processing and three dispensaries. The dispensaries will be located in Southeast Pennsylvania. The application for license is due by March 20, 2017 and the licenses will be awarded between June and September 2017. It will take six months once the license is awarded to get actual product processed and Mr. Rochlin foresees the business being established and cultivation started by March 2018. He said it is imperative that Ilera Healthcare be seen as a good neighbor and key business in Penn Township. They desire a strong partnership with the community. Mr. Rochlin described the building they intend to construct. The property already has an approved land development plan with a one hundred twenty thousand square foot building. They will begin with a smaller building with the intent of growing as needed.

Commissioner Felix said the zoning will be reviewed by the Zoning Officer and as long as the zoning requirements are met the Board won't have any additional input. He said security is the foremost concern. Mr. Rochlin met with Manager Rodgers and Police Chief

Laughlin previously and discussed security at that time. They want to work closely with the local police department and security and diversion are a priority. He said there will be a steel building with double fences, cameras covering every inch of the building will be monitored twenty-four hours a day, and a professional security company will handle all deliveries with an armored truck. Commissioner Felix asked what Ilera Healthcare is asking the Board to do. Mr. Kerekes said part of the license application process includes showing community support and they would like a letter of support from the Board.

Commissioner Brown said medicinal cannabis isn't federally controlled and he asked if they would like to see it become a class drug. Mr. Kerekes said that's not their goal. They don't intend to see it de-scheduled because it can then be sold in pharmacies and that would change their business plan. They are comfortable working within the state system which classifies it for medicinal use. Commissioner Brown asked what department within the state controls this process. Mr. Kerekes said it's the Secretary of Health. Specific instruction and oversight will come from them as well as the licensing process. Commissioner Brown asked how their reception has been in Hanover. Mr. Rochlin said it's been very positive.

Commissioner Klunk asked if the zoning at 12 Industrial Drive is suitable for this industry. Manager Rodgers said it is. Commissioner Felix said he's not sure a letter of support can be written. Commissioner Heilman said it's not the Board's job to pick and choose which manufacturers they want in the community. They are responsible for making sure all Township criteria is met. Commissioner Klunk believes the Board can support any industry that meets the regulations. Mr. Kerekes said they would appreciate any support they can receive including letters from the Police and Fire departments.

Commissioner Klunk said the approved plan has multiple parts to it and asked if they intend to phase their building. Mr. Rochlin said they'd ideally like two phases. Commissioner Felix asked if everything will be inside and it will. Mr. Rochlin said it will be one hundred percent inside with odor control. They will recycle all their water so it won't affect the ground water at all. Commissioner Felix asked if they will be using a lot of electricity and Mr. Rochlin said they will use electricity to supplement sunlight. Commissioner Felix asked if they will be looking into windmills and they will not. Mr. Rochlin said their power needs aren't as high because they're using a greenhouse.

The Committee discussed whether or not a letter could be sent and decided to speak with Solicitor Tilley before moving forward.

Police Chief Laughlin asked if they will be shipping a bulk product that someone else puts in pill form. Mr. Rochlin said they will ship the finished product.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: The Committee received a letter dated January 9, 2017 from The Allied Veterans Council of Hanover requesting permission to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017. The Committee recommended approving the request.

SOUTH WESTERN 5K: The Committee received a letter dated January 27, 2017 from South Western School District requesting to hold a 5K on May 6, 2017. They want to close a section of Bowman Road as they cross from the Middle School to the High School. Chief Laughlin said they patrol but don't do any of the road closings. Chief Laughlin will send the standard letter.

YWCA RACE AGAINST RACISM: The Committee received a letter dated January 30, 2017 from YWCA requesting to hold their Race Against Racism 5K on April 29, 2017. Chief

Laughlin said this will be their third year holding this event. He said the Rail Trail gates are opened so they can run straight through and then they are re-locked afterward. There have been no issues in previous years. Chief Laughlin will send the standard letter.

ESAB CROSSWALKS: Police Chief Laughlin reported that there are two mid-block crosswalks that ESAB uses, one on Karen Lane and one on Wilson Avenue. He spoke with ESAB last week and let them know their crosswalks are not properly signed or aligned on the road. A traffic study, similar to what was done for St. Joseph Parrish, will be required. Once the crosswalks are in, their upkeep will be the responsibility of the Township but ESAB can be required to pay for installing them. Commissioner Felix believes the Township should bill them for any required upkeep. Chief Laughlin will initiate a traffic study and then a letter, including the costs, will be sent to ESAB. At that point ESAB can decide if they want to proceed.

FIRE CONSOLIDATION: Fire Chief Cromer gave an update on the Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Commission. The Commission held their first meeting a few weeks ago. Peter Shepherd was voted as both the citizen at large and the Commission Chairman. Personnel, Finance, Operations, and Administrative committees were appointed. The heads of these committees will select people to help them. One of the three Volunteer companies has voted to join the Commission. Chief Cromer has a meeting on January 9 with one of the other two.

AERIAL TRUCK UPDATE: Fire Chief Cromer reported the aerial truck was discussed at the Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Commission and they asked for information on the cost and justification. Chief Cromer and Manager Rodgers met with a bank and were told the Commission will have no borrowing power. The bank suggested that the municipality purchase the truck and the Commission sub-lease it. At the end of the lease the truck can be sold to the Commission for \$1. Chief Cromer contacted an organization in York that consolidated and their process stipulated that each municipality would purchase their own fire truck. The Committee discussed options for financing the new truck. Chief Cromer was instructed to continue moving forward with the purchase.

OTHER MATTERS: None.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary