



**City of Allegan  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Monday, February 18, 2019  
Griswold Auditorium  
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010**

**MINUTES**

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Chair Brad Burke, Rachel McKenzie, Charles Tripp, Nancy Ingalsbee, Julie Emmons

Absent: Cindy Thiele

Others Present: Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator, Lori Castello of PCI, Joe Dye, City Manager

Nancy Ingalsbee, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to excuse the absence of Cindy Thiele. Motion passed 6-0.

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 special meeting was made by Rachel McKenzie, and supported by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion passed 5-0, with Morton abstaining due to absence from the meeting.

4) Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

5) Public Hearings

6) Site Plan Reviews

7) Special Presentation

8) Discussion

## **8A.1 – Recreational Marihuana Discussion**

At their last council meeting, the Allegan City Council voted to opt out of the new state law that would allow recreational marihuana facilities to become established within the Allegan city limit. The Council directed the Planning Commission to begin studying the different types of marihuana establishments, along with the effects that recreational marihuana has had within other communities. Council also directed the Planning Commission to hold at least one public hearing to engage the public on the matter, and submit a report with a recommendation to Council by December 1, 2019.

At the Planning Commission meeting, City Manager Joel Dye gave an overview of the state law, the seven types of marihuana facilities, and the State of Colorado studies that are currently viewed as the most trusted sources of information on the matter.

After some discussion, the Planning Commission decided that they would like to hold a public hearing to engage the public at their next meeting in order to receive feedback on the subject from Allegan residents. The public hearing would take place on March 18, 2019, and no decisions will be made.

Motion by Julie Emmons, supported by Tom Morton, made a motion to schedule a public hearing at the March 18, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to receive feedback from the public on recreational marihuana facilities in Allegan. Motion carried 6-0.

9) Staff/Commission Comments

10) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

**Respectfully submitted by  
Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator**