

Devils Lake Planning Commission
1-24-19

Members present: Wyatt Hanson, Dick Johnson, Gary Martinson, Rodger Haugen, Tom Traynor, Mike Grafsgaard, Ray Sletteland, Larry Liere via phone.

Others present: Steven Zimmer, Shirley Owens, Don Sowatzki, Clem Volk, Al Fletschock, Ashley Fletschock.

The public hearing was reconvened for a request for a conditional use permit to allow a medical marijuana dispensary at 810 10th St SE.

Steven stated protests from the neighbors were submitted and no state license has been issued yet for a Devils Lake dispensary. He recommends the planning commission deny the permit and recommend the city commission also deny the permit.

Gary and Helen were in contact with the applicant for the conditional use permit offering options and asking if he wanted to continue with the request or to continue with the hearing and have the planning commission make a decision.

Steven said he would still recommend denying a conditional use permit for this site.

Al Fletschock replied that it sounds like a good recommendation and asked if a request for that site could be submitted again.

Steve told him another applicant could apply for a conditional use permit for that same site, but felt no one would bother since the site had been denied once.

Shirley Owens asked if the applicant can appeal the decision.

Steven told her he can appeal the decision but couldn't imagine why he would.

Dick said if the planning commission recommends denial of the permit and the city commission approves that recommendation, it's hard to believe anyone else would submit a request for that same site.

Dick made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion 2nd by Rodger. Carried.

Rodger made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Dick. Carried.

Wyatt made a motion to recommend denial of a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary at 810 10th St SE based on the large number of protests submitted. Motion 2nd by Ray. Carried.

Steven made recommendation that future applications for conditional use permits for dispensaries be put on hold until the State issues the license for Devils Lake's dispensary and

then proceed with a public hearing knowing that the applicant has received a license from the State. This could avoid holding a number of public hearings for applicants that do not get the State license.

Larry made a motion to hold any further applications for conditional use permits for a dispensary until the State has issued the license for Devils Lake. Motion 2nd by Dick. Carried.

Ray stated he has been hearing that the medical people are not excited about the responsibility of giving out prescriptions for medical marijuana.

Steven said there are 24 conditions spelled out before a person can even get a prescription for medical marijuana.

Rodger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Wyatt. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary