

**Devils Lake Planning Commission**  
**4-25-19**

Members present: Terry Thompson, Larry Liere, Ray Sletteland, Rodger Haugen, Vonda Markestad, Tom Traynor, Dick Johnson, Gary Martinson, Mike Grafsgaard.

Others present: Nels Nelson, Meg Nelson, Gary Wilhelmi, Tony Brewer, Peyton Hurst, Jack Volk.

Larry opened the public hearing to review a request for a conditional use permit for an outdoor storage yard with a shop/office located at 120 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. The same request was approved by the planning commission in 2016, but since work on the project was not started within one year the conditional use permit was void.

Nels Nelson said the area for outdoor storage would be fenced with chain link fence and privacy slats on 3 sides and the side facing south (the entrance) would have decorative vinyl fence.

It was noted 8 letters were sent to adjacent property owners and no objections were received.

Larry closed the public hearing and opened a public hearing to review a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary to be located at 310 Hwy 2 E.

Tony Brewer with GR Vending explained their company has been chosen for the State license for the Devils Lake area medical marijuana dispensary. They have a number of requirements that must be met before they can even open the dispensary. The need to have security protection 24 hours/day, including cameras. Their company has 47 dispensaries getting ready to open, and has 15 that are already open. They have never had a break-in at their sites.

Peyton Hurst, also with GR Vending, said they worked closely with local police departments on security. The security they will have is like that on a military base. The building is about 3000 SF and will have 50 cameras in operation at all times.

Peyton Hurst also said there could be a tour of the facility before the final inspection by the State; after the State has completed the final inspection it's very hard to get into the building without a State issued card. The product they sell has to be from ND.

Dick asked about their time frame for opening and was told the goal was mid-July, and is generally 75-90 days from the time a building permit is issued.

Gary stated he didn't see any issues and other than meeting building codes, the regulations for a dispensary will be enforced by the State.

Jack Volk asked if they will be using local contractors for renovation of the building and was told they would use local contractors.

Larry asked if there are any parking issues and was told there are none.

It was noted 6 letters were sent to adjacent property owners and 1 objection was submitted.

Larry closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting. Motion made by Ray to approve minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodger. Carried.

Rodger made a motion to recommend approval of a conditional use permit for an outdoor storage yard with a shop/office located at 120 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, with 6.5' chain link with privacy slats on the north and east side of the property, 6.5' chain link fence on the west side, and a vinyl stone-look fence on the south side. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vonda. Motion carried.

Dick made a motion to recommend approval of a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary to be located at 310 Hwy 2 E with all State requirements for a dispensary being met. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vonda. Motion carried.

Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodger. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson  
Recording Secretary