

The City of Lower Burrell **Zoning Hearing Board** held a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 2800 Bethel Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068. Present were George Guido, Charles Markle, John Millburn, and Charles Stapinski. Absent was John Kamarados.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Stapinski, second by Mr. Millburn to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting. All in favor. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Stapinski asked if Mayor and Council ever responded to the letter sent by the Zoning Hearing Board on April 17, 2017 regarding the specter of a medical marijuana dispensary locating in the City. No one present has heard anything. Mr. Stapinski then read the letter into the record and asked if Councilman Grillo, liaison to the Board, would reply on whether something has been done.

TO: City of Lower Burrell Mayor and Council; City of Lower Burrell Solicitor
FROM: City of Lower Burrell Zoning Hearing Board

April 17, 2017

At a recent Zoning Hearing Board meeting, the issue of legal marijuana in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was discussed.

As of now, marijuana for medical purposes is legal. The board is concerned that in the future, marijuana use for recreational purposes could also become legal.

The Zoning Hearing Board urges the Mayor and Council to investigate the possibility of creating certain zones in the City for marijuana growing and dispensing marijuana.

This would be created much like Ordinance 300-160 that deals with Adult Entertainment businesses and where those businesses are legal. As we recall, a municipality cannot prohibit those types of businesses, but can regulate their location, such as 'x' number of feet from residences, 'x' number of feet from schools and churches, etc.

If the issue of Legal Medical Marijuana isn't addressed, there could be a day where growing and dispensing might be able to locate practically anywhere.

Thank you for your consideration.

The board voted 4-0 to ask the Mayor and Council to review the minutes to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Manzo of 1013 Wills Avenue appeared before the Board. He expressed concern about a manhole cover popping open along Greensburg Road. He was told to contact Public Works Director Mr. Johnson. Mr. Manzo also asked that the Board not sign off on plans to widen a cartway to the new communications tower antenna site. He was told that the Zoning Hearing Board does not have that responsibility and to express his concerns to Ordinance Officer Nedley. He was also concerned about culverting an area for drainage purposes, catch basins, and a Shell gas line going through his neighborhood. He was told to acquaint Council with those problems.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Stapinski, second by Mr. Markle to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. All in favor.

George Guido, Chairman
John Millburn, Secretary