

Lake Township-Roscommon County
Special Board Meeting
October 28, 2021 @ 6pm

The Lake Township Board met on Thursday, October 28, 2021 for a special board meeting. Keith Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Keith Stiles - Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Anthony Farhat-Trustee and David Russo Jr.-Trustee.

Stiles: Welcomed everyone to the meeting. We want to thank all five applicants for wanting to open up a business. There are five fine applicants, with only two positions, but thank you for your interest, everybody. We are here tonight to award permits for Lake Township Marihuana Facilities based on a competitive process intended to select applicants who are best suited to operate in compliance with MRTMA. The scores are not final until after this deliberation. The board will go through each application by topic, each board member may provide a general explanation or statement. Keeping in mind applications are protected from disclosure. If there is something the group brings up this evening you can change your individual score accordingly, should you choose too. We will work through this process for all applicants. Afterwards each board member will pass their score sheets down to Pam, we may take a little recess at that time and go in the office and tally, everyone can take restroom break, and will announce the two winners tonight. Without any further a-due we will get going here.

Stiles: First applicant GLNR (Great Lakes Natural Remedies) Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications. Let's start with Russo Jr. end of table and work way around. Trier: requested floor prior to start of review. I thought we agreed upon as a board that we were going to score with a total of 100 points. There are a couple of criteria where it is either this or that, I noticed there are more than 100 points on some of the apps and I am a little confused on that because on one section there is a number here and we agreed that section would be 10 points less because it was a either or situation. So, I was confused when I saw more than 100 points for some things. So would this be something we want to talk about in general or it doesn't matter.

Stiles: We graded these individually and independent of each other to the best of our ability; there are a lot of moving parts to this procedure and nothing by law, nothing the state tells us these are the questions. Like any ordinance or verbiage, it can be interrupted different ways by different people so this criteria sheet has a total of 110 points that has been on there from the start. Leaving this board and applicants to believe that there could be 110 points. Trier: We discussed that at a board meeting on Topic 2 where it says there are 39 points, we said there was going to be 29 points, I thought we had all agreed to that. Trier continued it appears we didn't all agree to it. Stiles: Keep that in mind everyone what Trier is talking about. Back to Great Lakes Dave you got anything?

GLNR

Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications

Russo Jr. I thought very well put together. Noted shows financial capacity to sustain a business. Trier: No comment. Stiles: Demonstrated good qualities in topic 1.

Surprenant: Presented customer education for both medical and recreational products.

Farhat: Full points from me.

Agrono

Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications

Russo Jr.: Question 1C no dates of ownership for business, so no points were given.

Trier: No comment. Stiles: Looks good in this category. Surprenant: I did not feel local management was documented and their customer education plan was not specific enough. Farhat: Several categories that did not get a score from me, either not enough proof, and CPA letter for financial capacity to start up.

Lume

Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications

Russo Jr.: Felt the application did not specify local management within 30 miles. Trier: No comment. Stiles: I found a local liaison in the information. Surprenant: I also found local management and customer education plan hit medical and recreational products.

Farhat: Echoed definitely had a local liaison identified and very thorough business plan.

Trier: Local person did not give a home address it gave a business place, it did not give a residence within 30 miles.

Rize

Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications

Russo Jr.: They provided businesses but did not provide dates; I have no idea how long these businesses were owned; unable to give 2 points or 4 points. 1E no daily operation schedule, they hit the rest of that question, but that was the one part of the questions that was not in their packet. Trier: No comment. Stiles: I found information and have points for those. Surprenant: I located information and felt applicant provided a complete daily operation schedule and demonstrated a history of operating the businesses. I felt the customer education plan only addressed medical products.

Farhat: I awarded points for history of operating a business. Russo Jr.: replied no documents on how long these businesses were owned.

Loud Heads

Topic 1 Business Plan & Qualifications

Russo Jr.: 1A demonstrates ability to sustain a business. 1f no documentation on management within 30 miles. Trier: No comment. Stiles: No management within 30 miles and no history of operating other Marihuana facilities. Surprenant: concurred with Keith no history of operating other Marihuana facilities, but did locate that management was within 30 miles. Farhat: stated seem to be alot of holes; things that were not complete.

GLNR

Topic 2 Financial Investment

Russo Jr.: stated 2b applicant building a new building and the rest looks pretty good.

Trier: Questioned where owner is the applicant or lessee is the applicant; I don't know how everybody looked at that. The owner in my opinion, there is one person where the owner is the applicant. All the rest of them have purchase agreements, and they are not owners at this point. I don't see how we can give full credit to anybody other than the only one that is the owner of the property where they are going to put a new building.

Stiles: I interpreted that differently than you did Harry. Surprenant: In my opinion the applicant locations was blighted and in unsightly condition. Farhat: echoed what Pam said. Russo Jr.: stated going back to what you said Harry; after looking deeper into the question it says other legal interest and a purchase agreement would be other legal interest to have ownership. That's how I was looking at it. Trier: commented OK, I understand. It is kind of a confusing thing it says legal interest and then down below it says owner is the applicant or the lessee is the applicant. It depends on how you read that.

Agrono

Topic 2 Financial Investment

Russo Jr.: Applicant plans on building a new building, so points were awarded there. Applicant is only applying for adult use, not medical and adult use, so points were not awarded there. Trier: No comment. Stiles: Agreed I see that was recreational only as well, did not get the points for medical. Surprenant: No points were awarded applicant only applied for the recreational and points were awarded applicant is building a new building. Farhat: commented only one of the two uses, so zero points.

Lume

Topic 2 Financial Investment

Russo Jr.: I thought Lume demonstrated and answered all the questions. They did not get points for not showing the complete project which they showed the complete project. Trier: No comment on that section. Stiles: Topic 2b applicant plans to completely renovate or rehabilitate a vacant structure. The building is not vacant or blighted at this point in time, did not receive points from me on that. They are renovating and remodeling, but is not a blight as is. Surprenant: Applicant is building a new building and plans to renovate a structure in good standing. Farhat: I awarded points in both those categories as well, felt it was very complete.

Rize

Topic 2 Financial Investment

Russo Jr.: They are not building a new building, they did not get awarded points, they are awarded points for rehabilitating a blighted structure. They are not getting points for and occupied structure in good condition. They do show the completed project, so they were not awarded points for E. Trier: I have no comment on that. Stiles: Rize was the only blighted building, applicant plans to completely renovate or rehabilitate a vacant structure that is blighted. Surprenant: Agree, applicant location is blighted by unsightly condition. Farhat: Yes, 2b awarded points 2c did not award points.

Loud Heads

Topic 2 Financial Investment

Russo Jr.: Louds topic 2 applicant is building new building received the 10 points there. Applicant also shows the complete project points awarded there, not for partial project. Everything else looked good. Trier: stated full points for Louds. Stiles: No comment. Surprenant: Applicant is building a new building points were awarded. Farhat: Same with me 2b awarded points, 2c did not award points.

GLNR

Topic 3 Community Benefit & Investment

Russo Jr.: 3a shows past volunteerism and community involvement points were awarded there. 3b employees will be taking a training course points were awarded there. Points were awarded for questions in that topic. Trier: I got nothing. Stiles: Did quite well with my points. Surprenant: Applicant offered a benefit package in addition to wages and salary; and they require their employees to take cannabis training courses. Farhat: Very complete topic for that applicant.

Agrono

Topic 3 Community Benefit & Investment

Russo Jr.: They did not receive points for 3a showing past volunteerism, also no points for 3b applicant proposes improvements to public right away adjacent to subject parcel, this can include sidewalks, landscaping, lighting or enhancements consistent with township ordinance. Those two questions I did not award points. Trier: No comment. Stiles: confirms what David stated. Surprenant: This applicant also offered a benefit package in addition to wages and salary; and they also require their employees to take cannabis training courses. Farhat: 3a volunteerism did not award points. On 3b I did award points, I did see something in there where there was lighting outside on the drawings. Stiles: questioned exterior building lighting. Farhat: Confirmed. Surprenant: I agree with Tony on that I also awarded points for that category. Russo Jr.: Queried Trier on giving points. Trier: I did. Russo Jr.: I did not think to award points for lighting on building, but after listening I believe I should have.

Lume

Topic 3 Community Benefit & Investment

Russo Jr.: 3a did show past volunteerism and community improvement and I thought the rest of the topic was very well for them and they were awarded points for every question. Trier: No comment here. Stiles: They did well on my sheet as well. Surprenant: I would again say this applicant also offered a benefit package in addition to wages and salary; and they also require their employees to take cannabis training courses. Farhat: Yes applicant had a very complete package.

Rize

Topic 3 Community Benefit & Investment

Russo Jr.: They showed past acts of volunteerism and community involvement and I thought they did very well on the rest of the questions and full points were awarded. Trier: No comment here. Stiles: Did quite well on my points. Surprenant: Again same thing this applicant offers a benefit package in addition to wages and salary; and they also require their employees to take cannabis training courses. Farhat: Although we have another applicant, I think it is real important to say all the applicants really showed alot of attention to this topic and it was good to see.

Loud Heads

Topic 3 Community Benefit & Investment

Russo Jr.: 3c they did not provide benefit packages for employees, no points awarded. The rest of topic I had full points. Trier: No comment on that topic. Stiles: Did not see benefit package on top of wages as well. Surprenant: I felt like I did see information relating to a benefit package in addition to wages and salary. I also felt they require their employees to take cannabis training courses. Farhat: No comment on that category for that applicant.

GLNR

Topic 4 Security and Safety

Russo Jr.: They showed a detailed plan for points of the questions, specifically 4a and 4c. All points awarded. Trier: I've got no comment on it. Stiles: Only a couple questions here, that on a facility I don't believe there is much of an odor, like a grow operation. I did not spend a lot of time figuring out how much CFM would be moved through the air filtration system. I do not think there is a lot of disposal of waste in a facility as there might be in a grow operation. Surprenant: I liked the applicant's security and odor plan. Farhat: I guess I differ on that as far as the odor and waste management, I mean these are questions we put on here because we thought they were important, they are important in my opinion in a provisioning center. I thought the applicant was complete.

Agrono

Topic 4 Security and Safety

Russo Jr.: I thought they were detailed in that topic so full points were awarded. Trier: I agree full points. Stiles: I showed them doing well in that topic, as well. Surprenant: I liked the security and odor plan that the applicant had. Farhat: The plan detailed the items in topic 4 very well.

Lume

Topic 4 Security and Safety

Russo Jr.: They demonstrated a good security and safety plan. Also, hit well on the rest of the questions. Full points were awarded. Trier: No comment. Stiles stated did quite well with me on topic 4. Surprenant: Again, I like the applicant's odor and security plan. Farhat: The topic was very complete by the applicant.

Rize

Topic 4 Security and Safety

Russo Jr.: I did not see anything in 4a to prevent minors from entering, no points awarded for that. All other points were awarded in that topic. Trier: No comment here. Stiles: questioned Russo Jr. on 4a and stated I show them doing ok in that category. Surprenant: I would agree, I like the applicant's security and odor plan but I would also say I was able to find all of the information for topic a. Farhat: I concur and thought the applicant was very complete on that topic. Trier: The only comment I would make is the word minor was not in the narrative as far as entry but it says keep anyone from entering the building and I interpret that as anyone a minor up to an adult. Russo Jr.: Assuming everyone else has that same assumption, it does not specifically say minor,

but it does say anyone, would that be enough for me to change the score for that; I do agree with Harry, and I did look through it several times, did not see the word minor but they do have a plan to keep anyone out.

Loud Heads

Topic 4 Security and Safety

Russo Jr.: They had a detailed odor plan and rest of topic did very well with providing all the information. Trier: I'll pass. Stiles: Everything in order, I had full points there.

Surprenant: I thought the applicant presented a good security and odor plan. Farhat: I did not score for management of inventory and cash written policies and procedures.

Stiles: That concludes our deliberation. Now this is where you pass your score sheets down to Pam and I and we will take a short recess to tally in the office. **Motion:** Surprenant to take a recess at 6:45 pm. **Second:** Farhat. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Keith and Pam went to the office to tally sheets; entering information on an excel spread sheet. It was printed and then handed to board members.

Motion: Stiles to return from recess at 7:11 pm. **Second:** Surprenant. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Stiles: We will not have to go to tie breaker. There is a one, two, three, four, five. The two permits are awarded to Lume and Great Lakes. Surprenant: Welcome to Lake Township. Letters from the township attorney will be sent to every applicant.

Public Comment: Lume Representative: On behalf of Lume we are really excited to be here and we look forward to bringing more jobs to the community and doing some community outreach and volunteering in the community. So, on behalf of Lume thank you again, everyone really excited to be part of the township. GLNR Representative: I would like to make a comment on behalf of Great Lakes Natural Remedies we really appreciate the license being awarded it has been a long 2 1/2-year process we know and we really appreciate it. Were excited to also be adding to the community and putting 1.4 million in a brand-new building.

Dean Hull: queried who was three, four and five. Stiles: replied third was Rize, fourth was Agrono and fifth was Louds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk
Approved at LTRM 11/9/2021