

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

June 13, 2018

Members Present: Jim Pearson, Meredith Place, Francis Bell, Jeff Sorensen, Shannan Deater, David Pawloski, Claudette Reid, Patricia Crowley, Julie Pioch, Vern Johnson, Mike Leeuw, Kevin Wordelman, Scott McGraw, Andrew Nieboer

Members Absent: Louis Parker III, David Harn

Environmental Health: Lucas Pols, Aaron Hoogenboom, Renee Code

Also attending: Jim Rutherford, John Taylor, Sean Dunleavy

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for April 11, 2018		
4. EH Program Updates	The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners will be voting on the non potable water well program on June 19 and encouraged members to attend. PFAS sampling is expanding and there will be 41 Type I wells in the county that will be sampled before November of this year. Also 12 schools will be tested in our county. MDEQ and MDHHS will assist with testing and training. Vern Johnson gave an update on the move to Alcott Street. HCS will be closed from July 30 th – August 3, reopening August 6 at the new location. Vern showed pictures of the new facility and talked about what our department will be able to respond to during that week.		
5. Medical Marihuana Speakers	Sean Dunleavy from MDARD gave a presentation about medical marihuana facilities from an agriculture standpoint. Some highlights include: LARA actually regulates the medical marihuana industry, not MDARD. MDARD does consult with LARA regularly regarding medical marihuana. Food is commonly mixed with marihuana as a vehicle for intake, but under the current food code that would be considered an adulterated compound so it can't be regulated the same as food currently is. Currently it is not considered a food. If recreational marihuana is approved this fall that will change the regulations		

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	<p>and regulating bodies.</p> <p>John Taylor is a medical marihuana business shareholder. His expertise in the retail side of the business, the provisions center. John gave an overview of the laws regulating medical marihuana and differences in enforcement area by area. John described the different parts of the business and regulatory requirements. Capital and time requirements to apply are intense. Environmental impact: Most operations will be indoor, airtight facilities. John compared water usage to various crops, it takes a lot less water than other plants when grown indoors. THC levels are 4-5 times higher than they were in the 70's. Edibles go to QC testing to determine how many mg per serving. LARA has issued no growing permits since the 2016 ruling, things are moving very slowly at the state level. Vern stated we are trying to figure out where local public health fits in to the marihuana business, with water wells, septic systems, type II water supplies, food products. There was discussion regarding potential odors and carbon filter requirements, and the importance of LPH being involved in creating rules and responsibilities because we will be the ones fielding the phone calls.</p> <p>Sheriff Jeff talked about how law enforcement is very concerned, and looking for help in how to deal with potential issues that may arise and what are the societal effects. A trip is planned to Colorado to see how their law enforcement has adjusted to legal recreational marihuana.</p>		
6. Member Comments	<p>Scott McGraw- No Comment</p> <p>Mike Leeuw – No Comment</p> <p>Claudette Reid – Portage is starting to take applications for entities that have done their medical marijuana 1st level review.</p> <p>Jim Rutherford – Reminder to attend commissioners meeting if you would like to give public comment regarding non-potable water well permitting.</p> <p>Shannon Deater – No Comment</p> <p>Vern Johnson – Thanked the speakers. Reminded members if</p>		

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	<p>there is a topic they would like discussed at future meetings please let him know.</p> <p>Jim Pearson- No Comment</p> <p>Jeff Sorenson – 950 parcel sewer project in SE Cooper Township and the Lands’ End Platt. First public hearing is July 17th at 7:00 PM at Parchment High School.</p> <p>Fran Bell- Feels marihuana permitting is all about the money. Is pleased so many townships have opted out.</p> <p>Patricia Crowley – Intercounty drain project with Van Buren County to try to resolve issues with drainage. LARA needs to be more accountable with trailer parks.</p> <p>Julie Pioch – No Comment</p> <p>Dave Pawloski – Drainage issues over the roads that haven’t been a problem, water table is out of control. Anything road commission can do to help drain commission please let him know. Wakeshma township passed the Medical Marihuana and are going to use the money to help pay for roads.</p>		