

Responses from the second meeting regarding medical marijuana facilities:

Of the 93 response cards returned:

77 indicated they would oppose any kind of marijuana facility

13 indicated they would approve of any kind of marijuana facility

3 were in favor of some kinds of facilities and opposed to some kinds of facilities

Here are the comments that were written on the cards:

Concerns: Affect on young people; a negative for police and fire; cash will draw criminal elements

Medical uses can/should be through pharmacies not “shops”

I think if you opt in you should really look at the locals applying for licensing. I would like to see the locals help build this business opportunity. I would hate to see some big money guys coming into our community and wanting to run this community. They don't have the passion for helping people. They are about the money.

Every oncologist that I have had to speak to for my cancer says they don't have research statistics yet they prescribe drugs with little to no testing daily. 12 months ago I was given 5 months to live. Long live cannabis.

I am a nurse and I have taken care of patients with seizure disorders with horrific side effects from medications who should be allowed to have close access to CBD. We voted yes for marijuana in our Township. I have family members who have benefitted from medical marijuana. I have had many patients that rely on it for their health. I would like it available in our own community and we voted for it.

Go to another County for this product

Make it legal, distribute through pharmacies – regulated, legal, controlled. Until then, No, no, no!

Not in Highland!

Thanks for the meeting and information. Please help hold the line against normalizing this mind altering substance. It will cost more in crime and fire control than we would realize in coffers.

Thank you for having this meeting. Not in favor at this time. Too complex at this time to jump in at any level as a community. Let's watch, research and wait. Ultimately – my opinion now and down the road is that we keep out of this industry. Too many potentially bad consequences.

So one person can hold three licenses. The last meeting, one person could hold one license only. Lawyers suck.

If the laws and regulations are not set, why would it be considered? Stupid to get involved.

Don't need this type of business. Voters will remember board members who voted for this idea of medical facility in Highland for pot.

Marijuana is not good for our community. I have lived in highland over 40 years. If the medical marijuana is passed, I will move. I will not live in a community that has this.

Mr. Scott from Commerce had many important facts to share about his community.

I strongly disagree!

Keep Highland a rural bedroom community. Once established, it will be impossible to eradicate. By not having a grow facility, it does not stop anyone with a medical license from obtaining the drug.

Not a good idea.

It is ridiculous that we are discussing an issue when the law isn't even out yet. Why the hurry?

Not in Highland.

I have no objections for use of medical marijuana but I don't feel we need these operations in our Township.

With over 30% of Highland property being parks or school land, how much revenue can be brought forward?

I worked the streets for over 32 years as a firefighter paramedic. It should not be allowed in Highland Township.

Federally insured Banks & credit Unions don't bank them. If an account is opened, banks close them. So now, they store their cash at home, in cars, etc. Crimes increased due to robberies for this cash. Dispensaries can't buy goods & pay their bills. How are they going to exist if they are not bankable? Don't look at the dollar amount! I work for a large bank their anti money laundering department. We close these accounts. I see daily how criminal funds are mixed in with growers cash. I talk with law enforcement. I read about growers were arrested in the paper.

Thank you for providing this very informative platform. I would be extremely disappointed in our township if they choose to allow pot medicinal or otherwise to make a negative impact on our community.

Detroit does not allow this by a school & daycare. Why would we? Completely against this. So concerned that your family will be driving down M-59 with so many high people driving toward them. So grievous the crime, increase of accidents, increase of illegal drugs that will be mixed with their medical marijuana. Increase of robberies, innocent people will be harmed. Many teens have their card for back pain as they play volleyball and basketball with no apparent pain and admit they just want to smoke marijuana legally for fun.

I moved to Highland because I wanted to get away from the stigma of drugs in the community. Dispensing, growing, transporting, testing, & processing will cause our community to be labeled with this stigma. What & how will our youth be affected?

Although I am not opposed to the use of medical marijuana, I am strongly opposed to it being grown and processed in Highland Township. I feel that the Township and residents will not benefit from commercial growing here and that the possible negative consequences outweigh the positive.

This will send a message to our young people that marijuana is ok. It's not worth the little bit of revenue it will bring to Highland.

Legitimate buyers can buy it elsewhere!

The revenue from this does not warrant all the problems and crime that could enter our little community. Do not put the high in Highland.

There are too many unknowns about these facilities. Even though it will make our Township a little extra money, it may cause increased crime and may turn away families from Highland.