

Responses from the meeting regarding medical marijuana facilities:

Of the 111 response cards returned:

51 indicated they would oppose any kind of marijuana facility

43 indicated they would approve of any kind of marijuana facility

17 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:

Very lucrative industry. It's already out here. This is a system that will allow checks and balances to be put in place, as well as hold people accountable.

Highland Township needs to approve this. I feel the Township refrains from letting any businesses in and it only holds the community back. Bringing in new business including this business will only help our community grown and become stronger and more prosperous.

Although I am not opposed to the medical use of marijuana, I am strongly opposed to it being commercially grown in Highland Township. I don't feel that there is a strong enough benefit to our community in doing so.

Gateway drug. Crimes. More government jobs.

If patients can go to Hartland or Wixom or another city or township close by, why invite people to Highland? I live here because it is a quiet, rural community. I know marijuana is here but I feel a dispensary is not necessary in Highland.

Before adding medical marijuana facilities, the caregivers need to be regulated or shut down. Then legal cannabis programs could start.

Nothing in Highland, Nothing. I even hate pharmaceutical drugs that are already around. I would not see this legal at all. Gummy bears? Wow! You have to hope that some kid doesn't see that and get a hold of it. What about a regular pill that isn't good-looking candy? Yeah whatever

Ordinance enforcement is currently not well enforced. How will more be enforced? Who will provide law enforcement? Cost? Crime element. Attract small businesses instead of revenue from this. Still. People who want to obtain it illegally (without paying). Not good for our kids. Let's stay small town.

This is not why I moved to Highland. Once allowed we will never get rid of this.

I would suggest another meeting to show the other side of bringing this into our community. What are the

downsides of allowing this in? This 3% of tax that would be divided to communities may only be 10% of that or 1/4%. So how much would we even get to our revenue and would that cover the excess we would have to spend on police and fire departments who would have to regulate the crime and possible fires that may increase?

How much money are you going to add to the schools for the special education budget? Marijuana babies create special needs children.

I don't think we need a large grow in the city of Highland. The black market will never go away because you can't purchase guns in you have a medical card. It's on the gun application. A lot of people want to own guns. The citizens can go away somewhere else to purchase medical marijuana. Doesn't need to be in Highland.

Look at the unintended consequences, ER visits, and poison control of children. Look into this "testing". Nothing is proven in regulation and safety in terms of TCH content. The product is too strong to make it locally available. The black market will increase, surging a greater drug use problem for this community.

Banking is a problem.

Marijuana is not a viable alternative to prescription and over the counter medication. This illegal drug will only bring negative effects to Highland. Dispensed as oil, pills, lip balm, etc. will make it too easy for children to come into contact with it.

Not now until we know how the state will regulate first.

I would like proof of what the speaker is telling us to be true. Proof of increase in my property value. I would not buy a home in a city or township that grows medical marijuana.

It is not the right time and there is not enough information and data to make a proper choice.

Crime will go up. Do we need to put high in Highland?

We were promised regulations in 2008 and it has failed so why should we trust these promises?

I feel very positive about medical marijuana and its presence in our community.

I'm just very skeptical of how this would benefit the residents of Highland Township.

Dispensaries only if they are true medical clinics. Not like the ones in Walled lake. We don't want big growers here. Caregivers are fine.

Please do not allow any cannabis operations in Highland Township. Let's keep a drug free community image!

Provisioning with rules.

Disappointed this won't affect regulation of caregivers. So I say the township holds off until the state gets their act together so we know all the implications and what is the vision for Highland?

Will not stop black market sales. Need to think about crime stats & what they will be with all the new people in the areas. If they come to break in to the business they will surely start breaking into the other business and homes.

It's all about jobs. Thank you for this meeting. Very Informative.

In my opinion, I totally understand this from a monetary perspective. The control needs to be on the caregivers especially those who are in residential areas (subdivisions). This is a definite issue that lowers property values.

Not in my front yard.

Don't want to see any medical marijuana facilities in Highland.

As a cancer patient, it would be nice to have a place to go in Highland to get my meds, but I have to spend money in some other town. That town gets the profit, not my hometown. Highland, keep money in our town. Vote yes for all.