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Wednesday April 17
Topic: Marihuana and Zoning Related Matters

Michigan voters approved Proposal 1 in November opening the door to legalizing the recreational use of marihuana (marijuana). Proposal 1, now the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), became effective Dec. 6, 2018.

Municipalities and counties engaged in zoning have many questions around this issue. Due to vague phrasing in parts of the law, some questions can be answered now while others will require clarity from state agencies, the courts, and/or the legislature. This program will briefly outline the three Michigan laws regulating marihuana, the role of a zoning ordinance vs. police power ordinance, and a sampling of the current “knowns” and “unknowns” around zoning for marihuana related land uses.

(This program will NOT address health concerns, public safety, addiction, youth, crime, or medicinal uses.)

Time: 6:30 pm (social gathering and snacks)
7:00 pm Presentation and Q&A
Location: Lower Level of the Government Center
Speaker: Mary Reilly, AICP, Government and Public Policy Educator
Michigan State University Extension

Mary Reilly is a Michigan State University Extension land use educator with over 20 years of experience in planning and zoning. She was formerly the Mason County Zoning and Building Director and a planner for the Jicarilla Apache Nation in New Mexico. Mary enjoys serving communities by providing relevant information in order to make sound policy decisions. Her years of experience, combined with a few mistakes along the way, offer a deep working knowledge of the wide range of issues that come before Planning Commissions, Zoning Board of Appeals, and elected officials. She served as a member of the Natural River Zoning Board of Appeals (Pere Marquette River) for 10 years. As a planner working primarily in rural areas, she has been responsible for many processes including site plan review, building department administration, master plans, access management, zoning and junk enforcement, floodplain review, and airport zoning. She has extensive experience with utility scale wind turbine zoning issues, particularly shadow flicker and wind turbine noise. Mary has a Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Ecology from the University of Michigan.

RSVP’s APPRECIATED. Please RSVP to 231-256-9812 or planning@co.leelanau.mi.us

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