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Village of Lawrence Planning Commission January 2020 Regular Agenda

January 27, 2020

Lawrence Village planning meeting will be called to order at **7:00 PM**

Planning Commission Members Present: Kevin Ouzts, Ryan Ransom, Phil Glennie, Annette Crandall, Mike Carpp, Dave Quick

Also Present: Dan Faulkner, Gordon Hover

Public: Jack Jennings, Jan Peterson

Minutes review: **October 2019** Motion Crandall second Carpp All in favor, **November 2019** Motion Crandall second Carpp All in favor

Public comments: None

Items not on agenda:

BBJS Jennings Enterprises site plan review for Golden Greens Provisioning Center:

- Discussion around plans and there was some question raised by Glennie and Crandall about the onsite retention pond due to the park having a park wide retention pond. Jack stated that the state requires an onsite retention basin for the water collected on site by hard surfaces.
- The color of the building will be brown.
- Parking lot size was explained based on the size of the largest shift at 4 employees.
- The plans have been submitted to the village attorney and no response from the attorney. Dan emailed the attorney at the meeting for an update.
- Motion made by Glennie Second by Carpp to approve contingent on the attorney's opinion. Point brought up by Dan and Dave that we should not preapprove without attorney approval as it sets a bad precedent. Glennie withdraws motion.
- Planning will wait for attorney's response regarding site plan review. If needed, a special planning meeting can be called to review attorney's comments.

Agenda Items

1. Marihuana Applications Status

- Incomplete applications and bad checks for at least one application.
- At least one of the applications has three items missing.
- The office inventories the documents and notes the discrepancies and lets the applicant know what is missing.
- If the application is incomplete their spot in line is not secured for a specific license.

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2. **SAFEbuilt**

- Ouzts played voice message reference from the City Manager of New Buffalo. Message was extremely positive regarding Safebuilt's services.
- Carrp also indicated that Safebuilt has started within Lawrence Township.
- Construction Board of appeals was approved last month.
- At this point we have to decide on a recommendation to council on Safebuilt.
- The attorney has made several good suggestions for the final agreement.
- Review of services list and attorneys notes and discussion.
- Discussion of who manages ordinances and zoning? In the Township Safebuilt does it all and then Planning is the arbiter of disputes.
- Crandall Motions that we send the plan to council with attorney's recommendations. Carrp Seconds All In favor no dissent.

3. **Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption - Tabled**

4. **Zoning Administrator Ordinance Enforcement – See attached report**

- Gordon and Dan gave updates on attached report.
- Construction board of appeals is in its 30-day notice period and will be seated when that times out.

5. **Master Plan Update**

- Marketing plan completed by Masterplan subcommittee and sent off to Smith Group for Final Draft.
- When the draft comes back the committee will meet on a Thursday morning and verify the final draft.
- Dan thinks by April a final draft can be presented to Planning and Full Council.

6. **2020 Agenda Items**

- Focus on fireworks ordinance before fireworks season begins.

Intermeeting business:

- Additional Comments from Audience
- **Next Meeting: February, 24 2020 @ 7:00 PM**
- Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM Crandall Motion Glennie second to adjourn. All in favor.