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Village of Lawrence Planning Commission July 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ouzts at 7:00PM

In Attendance: Kevin Ouzts, David Quick, Ryan Ransom, Phil Glennie, Mike Carpp, Annette Crandall, Dan Faulkner (Ad Hoc)

Absent: Gordon Hover

Approval of Minutes of the June 2019 Regular meeting – Vote to approve minutes. Motion by Ransom, supported by Crandall: vote unanimous.

Public Comment (agenda item)-Jennings on update on Medical Marijuana License is at phase 2 at the State level. In addition, retail store being built for access with two sides; one for Medical Marihuana and one for Adult Use Marihuana. Glenn Lindsey & Ted Hanson w/ SAFEbuilt presentation.

Agenda Items

SAFEbuilt Inc Presentation

- Presentation on full service building inspections, plan review, code enforcement, etc.
- Safebuilt will follow all State fee schedule on permits
- Village can collect revenue off permits (10-15%)
- Will be additional administrative office work for Village staff.
- Increase in customer service with up to 2 days access to SAFEbuilt for faster inspections.
- Contract is a year to year with 90 days opt out of notice for both sides.
- Still need a quote for service package.
- Present to Village Council regarding SAFEbuilt services and if ordinance should be drafted opting out of using State of Michigan services.

Zoning Administrator Ordinance Enforcement

- Reviewed Gordon's report.
- Comment by Crandall that Gordon is doing a good job.

Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption

- Reviewed CRE criteria.
- Ransom made comment that it would be positive to help revitalize downtown.
- Present to full council if the Village wants to move forward with CRE.
- Presentation by MEDC follow-up on abatement discussion at next Planning on 8/26/19.

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Master Plan

- Trail maps are complete.
- Master plan work sessions on 8/01/19 at 10:00am.

ORV Ordinance

- ORV ordinance was complete and reviewed.
- All Village roads will have access for ORVs.
- Village will rely on State DNR to issue permits.
- Ransom suggested language added regarding speed limits be followed. Language added.
- ORV ordinance was sent for review by attorney.
- Public comment scheduled 8/26/19 at 6:30PM before August PC meeting. Sherriff Abbott will be in attendance.

Adult Use (aka Recreational) Marihuana Ordinance

- Faulkner and Ouzts listened to webinar by the Michigan Municipal League regarding State Emergency Rules on Adult Use Marihuana. A decision to opt in/out must be made by November 1. If municipality does nothing, State will be "compelled" to issue licenses.
- Discussed moving Adult Use Marihuana forward to opt in for the November 1st deadline.
- Revenue potential for Village main reason to move forward opting in.
- Crandall made comment that Planning did state at public comments for Medical Marihuana Ordinance the focus was on Medical not recreation marihuana. Maybe public distrust moving forward with Adult Use.
- Same Zoning including buffer zones for Adult Use Marihuana as in Medical Marihuana Ordinance.
- Cited stats: November 2018 Village votes of 59% for Adult Use Marihuana. Ouzts cited recent studies that showed significant decrease marihuana use in middle and high school age children with States that have legalized both Medical & Recreation Marihuana.
- Carpp stated Arlington Township is projecting a million dollars per year off permits and tax revenue.
- Crandall commented on significant interests in Lawrence-Crandall Business Park lots. With one sell agreement in place.
- Quick recommended Planning move forward in drafting ordinance. Motion by Glennie, supported by Ransom, to have an opt in Adult Use Ordinance opt in, vote unanimous.
- Will send email to attorney to request assistance in drafting ordinance.

Medical Marihuana Application Review

- One application is submitted in process of Village review. Copies of application have been sent to appropriate committees and personal.
- Some paperwork of application still missing. Applicant is working on submitting the paperwork.
- Intermeeting business: None
- Meeting adjourned: 8:15 Motion by Glennie and supported by Ransom, vote unanimous
- **Next Meeting: August 26 2019 @ 7:00 PM**