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Minutes

Village of Lawrence Planning Commission
July regular Meeting

July 23, 2018

Meeting called to order – 7:00pm

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

Approval of Minutes of the June regular meeting – Glennie/Quick approved

Items not on agenda –

Agenda Items

Adam Jenks, M.U.R.P. Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator
Michigan Fitness:

Grant has been submitted

Maintenance of route will be responsibility of Village

Funds available for “Walking School Bus” and Corner help \$16,000
reimbursable. Other grants may be available

Public Comment

- Gary Brown –
 - concerned about field in the township that borders the path for deer hunting
 - No clear line of sight through the path. Protect children from predators
 - Alternate route presented
 - Questioned street lights on Corwin Meadows. Not there, but on the trails. Sometimes grant funds can be used for flashlights or reflective gear
 - Questioned whether or not the road would be thick and wide enough for an ambulance to reach an injured child.
 - Questioned the affect on property values in the subdivision because it is a “quiet place in the country” but still with Village services.
 - Will we jeopardize the Construction Trades program by making the subdivision less desirable?

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- Ron
 - Concerned that sending kids through a beautiful area will cause problems in the quiet neighborhood
- Claus
 - Questioned the CMAQ grant
 - Questioned trail in the woods
 - Road Commission did not want it to affect the property that it owned
 - Kids have a path through the woods already.
 - Questioned the composition of the trail and sidewalks on both sides of Corwin Meadows. How does the sidewalk affect the drainage at the end of the road.
 - Will be accessible for those doing bad things as well as the kids going to school.
 - Complained that the maintenance of ditches and visibility is not adequate now, what will be done to maintain this?
 - Likes the quiet cul-de-sac and is opposed to the trail from an aesthetic point of view.
- Newest Resident
 - Gary's alternate route allows for huge beautification of Lawrence's two main roads. The grant funds could be used to improve the downtown appearance.

Next steps are

- MDOT review
- Environmental Impact

Changes to the route would not jeopardize the grant

Purchase of a bicycle for Law Enforcement would make the grant more competitive. Grant funds cannot be used for purchase.

Motion to accept amendment to sign ordinance Ransom/Glennie. Motion carried

Public Hearing at 6:30 August 27, 2018

Sign Ordinance:

Ransom presented suggested language to change the sign ordinance.
32-614 reviewed for current language

Gordon Hover Report:

Project updates Dan:

Water Ordinance: No Update

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Blight Ordinance: No Update

Medical Marijuana Ordinance:

- Discussed pros and cons of
 - Thoughts are that we would be an appropriate location for dispensaries, transportation and testing facilities. We would not be interested in grow or processing facilities.
 - Zoning issues – where are we going to allow it?
 - Do not see this as part of our downtown vision
 - What do we do about law enforcement
 - What are the costs of the revenue?
- Discussed whether we want to opt in or opt out of the industry. We will discuss this at our next meeting. PC decided to research and explore which way we want to go.

Intermeeting business:

- Additional Comments from Audience –
- Meeting adjourned: 8:38pm