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## Minutes

### Village of Lawrence Planning Commission August regular Meeting

August 27, 2018

Meeting called to order – 7:00

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

Ryan Ransom, Phil Glennie

Guests: Mark Smith, Chris Spear, Lucinda Nower, Chase Whiteman

Approval of Minutes of the July regular meeting – Motion Quick/Carpp, approved

Items not on agenda –

#### Agenda Items

**Application for Zoning Ordinance Variance:** Car detail business from home  
32-175#11

- District is R2 and business would fit under home based business
- Motion to approve – Quick, support – Glennie, motion carried
  - Crandall abstained

**Sign Ordinance:** September Public Comment.

- Public Hearing was not posted properly so it could not be held.
- It will be posted for September

**Gordon Hover Report:**

- 6 Occupancy Inspections – 3 passed, 3 are still in process
- 125-127 S Paw Paw, blight letter issued. Complaints about rats, garbage in garage, high grass. Is a rental unit
- 214 E St Joseph, broken windows, blight letter issued. Owner of record is from NY. Addressing issues.

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- WODA Group – Site plan contained a community center.
  - They learned how much water collects in the front of the property
  - They moved it to the back of the property and poured footings, no approval
  - Need to have Dave Ragozzi issue a Stop Work Order until new site plan is approved.

### **Project updates Dan:**

- Paving is underway – hopefully finished for Ox Roast
- Red Arrow Bar property is demolished, waiting for environmental
- Safe Routes – Dan had a telephone conversation

### **Medical Marijuana Ordinance: Discussion & Opt In/Out Vote**

- Some met with Hartford City Manager about their decision, reasons and concerns
- Kevin visited a lab in Kalamazoo, said it was very professional in impressive
  - Security inside the building was extensive
  - Half of people on staff were scientists
- Bangor had very positive things to say about dispensaries
- Our attorney said we should wait for the election to know what the laws are going to be
- Discussion about a public forum to get input from more people in the community
- Ongoing exploration will continue

**Water Ordinance:** No Update

**Blight Ordinance:** No Update

### **Intermeeting business:**

- Additional Comments from Audience –
  - Mike is candidate for Township Trustee. If he is elected he will still plan to sit on the Village Planning Commission.
- Meeting adjourned: 8:08