

Village Of Lawrence

Planning Commission

July 27, 2020

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Present: M Carpp, A Crandall, P Glennie, G Hover, K Ouzts, R Ransom (Zoom), T Stroud (Ad Hoc)

Absent: D Quick

Guest by Zoom: Deb Williams

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman K Ouzts

Motion by Crandall supported by Carpp to approve minutes from June 22, 2020. Motion carried.

Deb Williams answered the following questions regarding the Master plan.

1. Trails on page 8 of master plan
 - ❖ There is the Star Clipper Trail? – Star Clipper trail is part of the Rails to Trails Project
 - ❖ Will the trail work if the railroad is reinstated? – No
 - ❖ The Kal-Haven trail says it connects to Lawrence. If the trail goes from Kalamazoo to South Haven, how is Lawrence connected? – Information only regarding additional trails in the area.
2. Map on page 14
 - ❖ It shows an off-road trail from Michigan Street to Crandall-PUD. -This trail was part to Safe Routes to School plan.
3. Page 15
 - ❖ Is this the correct name for railroad and Railroad Company? I show it called West Michigan Railroad Company. Also, it talks about the Fruit Belt trail. Is this the same trail as the Michigan Star Clipper Trail from page 8? – Fruit Belt trail is for snowmobile.
4. Road diet and bump outs Page 27
 - ❖ I brought it up 20 years ago, how do trucks make the turn(s) onto St Joseph Street and Paw Paw Street if the road is dieted and with bump outs? How will the bump out work when I-94 is closed? – Per Deb this is ok to leave in Master Plan
5. Map on page 29
 - ❖ Does the map need to be changed with the 305-project coming in and/or will the 305-project effect what the map shows? – Number 1 part on the map will need to be updated.
6. Map on page 42
 - ❖ Does the map need to be changed with the 305-project vs residential housing shown? Yes, the map needs to be remade.
7. Page 46
 - ❖ Change the name of Lawrence Township Fire Department to Lawrence Township Emergency Services. – Name to be updated.
8. Page 55
 - ❖ Are the zoning definitions correct to what we currently have? – Yes

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9. Page 57

- ❖ The map show changes to zoning west of downtown Lawrence and shows residential zoning next to industrial on Michigan Street. The commercial zoning on Michigan is gone. – Map needs to be corrected

10. Page 99

- ❖ The map shows wet land west of Michigan Street but map on page 89 shows Houghton muck (28) and Thetford loamy sand (37A). My questions is what is it? Wet land or low farmland? – Page 99 map is what was lost from 100 years ago and Page 98 map is current wet land.

11. Page 102

- ❖ Talks about 4 railroad crossing in Lawrence. There is 5 crossing in Lawrence, they forgot about the one on Michigan Street. – Number of crossing will be updated to include Michigan Street.

Paw Paw Road needs to be corrected to Paw Paw Street.

Page 9 Corwin Meadows needs to be added

Put information regarding public hearing for Master plan on the back of the water bills and website.

Outside restaurant seating

- ❖ Freedom Bar is looking into have outside seating. – Waiting for Roy to submit site plan.
- ❖ Sidewalk Signs is what is being used to allow outside seating
- ❖ Need Ordinance for outside seating

Council approved hiring a planner

Update on Marihuana applications

- ❖ Golden Greens – Attorney is reviewing application for adult use. Will need to set special hearing at 6:30 PM regarding application.
- ❖ Spoke regarding annual review of application and renewal
- ❖ Reservation fees for Marihuana license

Zoning report from Gordon Hover

- ❖ Lawn mowing issues – Village will be meeting with residents that are having issues with moving.
- ❖ Mowing and blight ordinance needs to be updated
- ❖ Update of Show cause hearing on Jason Johnson 220 S Exchange St– no hearing was held
- ❖ Show cause hearing on August 10th on falling down garage at 220 S Elizabeth St
- ❖ Show cause hearing on August 10th for family living in motorhome in the backyard of 119 Blackman St
- ❖ 214 E St Joseph St – the owners are working on the house

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- ❖ 120 E St Joseph St – New window and siding has been ordered
- ❖ 404 N Paw Paw St – Tree on house – no update
- ❖ 321 W St Joseph St – Crowing Rooster that attacked the neighbor – letter to be sent to owner giving them 48 to remove the animal do to being a dangerous animal.
- ❖ 439 S Paw Paw St – Update on petting zoo, need to file for ZBA hearing or get rid of animals
- ❖ 105 E St Joseph St – The old flower shop, the family will be here the first week of August to work on cleaning it up.

Next meeting August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Crandall supported by Carpp to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Lucinda R Nower, Clerk