

**CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Kobe at 5:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Chris Green, Jeff McMahon, Roxanne King and David Geisler

Absent: None

Vacant: None

Also present: 10 members of the public

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner King to accept the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

**III. AGENDA**

- 1. Petitions from the Public** – There was lengthy discussion of the Village’s two marijuana ordinances. Because of a conflict of interest, Commissioner McMahon recused himself from any decisions to be made by the Commission and took a seat with the public in order to respond to concerns, questions or objections from the public. The issues raised by the public included comments that the marijuana ordinances were not adopted properly as not public hearings had been held. Also, concerns were expressed over the number of businesses permitted by the ordinance, odors and the need for proper exhaust systems and the possible need for the HDC to be involved in the process.
- 2. Commission discussion regarding the Marijuana Ordinances.** There was discussion as to whether marijuana businesses were permitted by the 1997 zoning ordinance. There was a consensus the such businesses were not permitted. To remedy the issues the Planning Commission would either have to issue a special use permit or would have to amend the permitted businesses defined by the ordinance. An amendment to the ordinance to update the permitted businesses was the preferred solution. There was discussion as to whether certain marijuana businesses be limited to areas zoned industrial. It was noted that any amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would require a public hearing. The Commission agreed the it should work expeditiously to amend the Zoning Ordinance and to adopt new marijuana ordinances. The consensus was to have a draft of a new ordinance in place by the March Council meeting and to adopt an ordinance at the April meeting.
- 3. Adjourn**  
Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner King to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

David Geisler  
Secretary  
February 10, 2020

