

**PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF CALUMET ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

regarding

**ORDINANCE 153:
REGULATION OF ADULT-USE MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

Calumet Village Town Hall
340 6th Street • Calumet, MI 49913
Monday, August 17, 2020

This Public Hearing will begin after the conclusion of the Public Hearing
for the Ordinance 127 Zoning Ordinance Updates,
which starts at 5:30pm

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Present: Roxanne King, Dave Geisler, Andrew Ranville, Lori Weir

Absent: Doug Harrer, Brian Abramson

Vacant: One Seat

Also Present: Manager Katz, and 20 Members of the public.

I. Call to order

Trustee King called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. She gave an overview of what this hearing is about, what has occurred thus far, and what our options are going forward.

II. Acceptance of this meeting's agenda

President Geisler made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Trustee Weir seconded. A roll call vote was had.

Ayes- Dave Geisler, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Roxanne King

Nays- None

Motion Passed-4/0

III. Agenda

A. Petitions from the Public

Manager Katz read all the emails from the public out loud. Then the Trustees listened to public comment.

One such citizen voiced support, however with keeping a 1000ft buffer from the school and believes a medical ordinance should be created as well.

Another citizen spoke on behalf of Jeff McMahon, and that Jeff has saved many lives.

Another citizen spoke in support of C2 zoning for cannabis, they are concerned about a bar being so close to the new school building.

Another citizen spoke in support of a recreational dispensary in Calumet. He believes that marihuana keeps him from returning to hard drugs, and marihuana should be available.

Another citizen spoke about concerns that everyone who owns a building was not made aware, Manager Katz corrected that everyone has received a notice. She also has concerns about zoning not being done first.

A citizen called in giving their opinion that because the community voted to allow recreational marihuana, and because she has seen things with children and bars that children need to understand and be educated about marihuana.

A resident and employee of Tranquility Fields called in, explained their connections to the Village. He also wanted to give details on his employer's business and what Tranquility Fields does.

Another citizen spoke regarding his opinion and agreement with a former caller, and he agrees that something progressive could fill a lot of the buildings.

Another citizen called and wanted to touch base on the 1000ft buffer zone, and wishes it would be 500ft. He does not believe it is fair, and believes there will be no odors out of the marihuana retail establishment. He also believes the excise tax would be very high.

A citizen called to voice support for Jeff and wants to get things in order and get moving.

Another citizen called and stands behind Jeff.

An additional citizen believes our ordinance is good and he believes we are on the right path.

Another caller called in support of Jeff McMahon.

A resident called in and gave support for medical marihuana, and she corrected where she lives, and believes that a trustee was rude to her, and there needs to more open-mindedness.

The last caller voiced support; however, we need to take into account the school's opinion, and residents' beliefs. She believes we need to consider how this will affect the school. She is concerned about the new school building on 6th street, and that the Village needs to update the buffer for the 6th street school building, she is concerned about not having the zoning in effect.

Trustee Ranville made a comment thanking everyone for their comments. He in his position as trustee, will make a motion to accept the zoning ordinance, and recreational ordinance with the following conditions 1. Buffer requirements would eliminate subdivision 4(B) and change the buffer from 1000ft for a school to 500ft and personally as a citizen he will be the closest living person to Jeff McMahon's business and he does not use Marihuana products.

Trustee Weir made a comment that she supports the currently drafted ordinance. She wants to follow the GLVA that our ordinances must not conflict with state or federal laws, and that anything less than 1000ft buffer is inconsistent with state and federal law and leaves us open for liability.

Planning Chair Colleen Kobe had no comments.

Trustee King wanted to express her thanks to everyone for their comments and thoughts. She appreciated the civic engagement from the community. She hopes that this topic will go to the council and get resolved.

President Geisler had no comment.

A caller asked a question, as to whether these two ordinances will be voted on, President Geisler explained it is up to the trustees.

A caller gave one additional comment, that the trustees cannot pass a marihuana ordinance without the zoning ordinance being in effect.

B. Discussion Regarding Ordinance 153 (Regulation of Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments)

Trustee King asked for any additional discussion or comments. Trustee Ranville stated that he would like to have more information on the buffers and how it is interpreted.

C. Adjourn

Dave Geisler made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Andrew Ranville. A roll call vote was had.

Ayes- Dave Geisler, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Roxanne King

Nays- None

Motion Passed-4/0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb Katz
Village Manager