

**CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
MARCH 11, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Kobe at 5:32 PM.

Present: Commissioners Roxanne King, Chris Green and David Geisler

Absent: None Jeff McMahon

Vacant: One (Commissioner Jeff McMahon resigned during the month)

Also present: 2 members of the public

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

III. AGENDA

1. Petitions from the Public – None

2. Acceptance of Meeting minutes

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular meeting as amended.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0)

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner King to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner King to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

3. MSU Extension Citizen Planner Program.

Chair Kobe informed the Commissioners and the public present that the Citizen Planner course offered by Michigan State will be presented in Marquette this summer.

4. Updating the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance

The Commission discussed the type, number and location of Adult Use Marijuana businesses in the Village. There was a consensus among the Commissioners that certain businesses, such as a marijuana microbusiness or retailer should be permitted in the C-2 Downtown Commercial District. Other businesses, such as a Secure Transporter or a Processor would only be permitted in the C-1 General Commercial District or the I-1 Industrial District.

There was a discussion of whether to and how to restrict the number of adult use marijuana businesses in the Village. A proposed amendment of the Village's Zoning Ordinance would add such businesses as "permitted" without putting a cap on the number of such businesses. If this is the form of the amendment to the ordinance it was suggested that caps be added to the ordinance. This could take two forms. Either limiting the number of each type of marijuana business permitted by the law or to place a cap on the total number of businesses to be permitted with licenses awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. An alternative to this approach would be to require such businesses to apply for a special use permit. This would provide the Planning Commission with a tool to limit the number and location of marijuana businesses.

There was a discussion of the need for buffer zones both between marijuana businesses and other properties such as churches or child care or substance abuse rehabilitation facilities. Other possibilities would be to limit the number of businesses per block in the C-2 District

5. Updating the Village Zoning Ordinance

There was a discussion of the Baptist Church located on 6th Street. The current zoning ordinance prohibits houses of worship in the C-2 Commercial District.

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner King that the church be notified in writing that they are in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0)

There was a discussion of the process to be followed for the Public Hearing scheduled for March 26, 2020. In anticipation of a large turnout arrangements are to be made to hold the hearing in the Ballroom on the second floor of the Village Hall.

Commissioner Geisler left the meeting at 7:15 PM

Moved by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner King to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Motion carried unanimously (3/0).

David Geisler
Secretary
March 19, 2020

