

**CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
MAY 13, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Verbal Roll Call was taken.

Present: Commissioners Roxanne King, David Geisler and Chris Green

Absent: None

Vacant: One

Also present: Trustee Lorri Weir, Manager Caleb Katz and 9 members of the public.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Chair Kobe, Commissioners King, Geisler and Green

Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

III. AGENDA

1. Petitions from the Public – There was concern voiced that the Village needed to act promptly to put a marihuana ordinance in place.

2. Acceptance of May 5, 2020 meeting minutes

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Green to accept the minutes of May 5, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Chair Kobe, Commissioners King, Geisler and Green

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

3. Vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Geisler to contact JW Miller to determine his interest in joining the Planning Commission.

4. Ordinance 127 and Ordinance 153 Progress

The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion of the buiffer zones to be adopted regarding the siting of marihuana businesses within the Village. Buffer zones in the ordinance are proposed around churches, schools, child care facilies, parks and rehabilitation facilities. Maps of the Village were prepared and presented by Chair Kobe and and Manager Kobe with 250 ft., 500 ft.

and 1,000 ft. buffer zones from the properties identified in the ordinance. There was discussion as to the most appropriate buffer zones in each instance and the areas that the various buffers would put “off limits” to marihuana businesses. There was discussion as to the point the buffer should be measured – the property line or the entry way. This point is to be determined. There was discussion as to Agassiz Field – the athletic field owned by CLK Schools. Should this be included as part of the school in defining buffer zones. No agreement was reached.

5. New Business

Manager Katz indicated that the Baptist Church located on 6th Street planned to purchase and move to the vacant church at 8th and Elm.

6. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Geisler to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Chair Kobe, Commissioners King, Geisler and Green
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

The next special meeting of the Planning Commission is to be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM.

David Geisler
Secretary
May 26, 2020

