

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2020

The Planning Commission Public Hearing/Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on October 8, 2020, by David Shaw, Chairperson.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Klutman, Shaw, Tlappek & Trierweiler

Absent: None

Guests: Joe Brown, Sharon Darby, Laura Genovich, Joel Postema, Dan Timmer, Jeanne Vandersloot

Motion was made by Trierweiler, supported by Tlappek, to approve the Agenda of October 7, 2020. All yeas.

Public Comments – None.

Shaw opened the Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Village of Saranac's Zoning Ordinance regarding medical and recreational marihuana businesses. The amendments would permit and regulate medical marihuana facilities and recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments in the CBD, IND and IS zoning districts, subject to special land use approval.

Joe Brown, a local lobbyist for marihuana, provided general information regarding the marihuana industry in Michigan.

Brown asked if the Village would consider limiting the number of applications accepted, as this allows for more competition and high-end applicants.

Laura Genovich, Foster Swift attorney who drafted the marihuana ordinances, answered questions from the public and Planning Commission members.

Timmer, who recently purchased the 41 Parsonage Street property, inquired about getting a variance, should the marihuana ordinances pass. Genovich and Planning Commission members stated that marihuana facilities and establishments would only be allowed in the CBD, IND and IS districts. Timmer's property is located in the MDR-1 district.

Shaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Trierweiler, to recommend that the Village Council adopt the Zoning Ordinance regulating marihuana facilities and establishments, with the changes discussed tonight. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Trierweiler, to approve the September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes. All yeas.

Planning Commission members reviewed and concurred with Tim Johnson's Statement of Findings regarding the approved Special Use Permit for 41 Parsonage Street.

The Statement of Findings is approved by incorporation into the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of September 8, 2020.

Public Comments – None.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Trierweiler, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All yeas.

Kevin Klutman, Secretary