

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
February 14, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for February 14, 2018 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:30 PM.
- ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Mark Jennings, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee, and Judy Swartz present. Commissioners Boomer Hoppough and Chris Young were excused.
- City Manager Jason Eppler, DDA Director Linda Curtis and Planning Consultant Jan Johnson were also present.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the agenda for the February 14, 2018 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS Kyle Miller addressed the Commission regarding the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and requested that the Commission pursue an “opt in” ordinance. He stated that he had been working with Easton Township on an opt-in ordinance but the Township ultimately decided not to pass an ordinance based on their lack of zoning controls.
- OLD BUSINESS Master Plan/Recreation Plan Update: Planning Consultant Johnson reviewed with the Commission the latest draft of the citizen survey. Commissioners offered several suggestions. Pending final input from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the survey will be finalized and “go live” on-line around April 9th and run for a couple of weeks. Results will be compiled and presented to the Commission at its May meeting. The Commission also reviewed the latest US Census demographic information which will be included in

the Master Plan and Recreation Plan. The Commission also reviewed a listing of the recommendations contained in the 2012 Master Plan and determined which items have been completed, and which items have not. Most of those that have not been completed will be included as action items in the 2018 Master Plan.

Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act: Attorney Randi Hermiz updated the Commission regarding actions in Lansing concerning the issuing of licenses pursuant to the Act and associated emergency rules. He stated that there have been some issues concerning the stacking of licenses and, to date, there have been no applications for secure transporter licenses which may be problematic considering the moving of merchandise. He also shared that the signatures have been verified on the petitions concerning a ballot question for recreational marihuana. This question will likely be on the November 2018 election ballot. Mr. Hermiz also offered the Commission some suggestions regarding an opt-in ordinance based on what he has learned from attending and observing the licensing meetings in Lansing.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Planning Commission Annual Report: The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed 2017 Planning Commission Annual Report which is proposed to be presented to Council at its March 6, 2018 meeting. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the 2017 Planning Commission Annual Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary