

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
March 11, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Hoppough called the Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for March 11, 2020 to order at 4:30 PM.

ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Mike Donaldson, Boomer Hoppough, Tim Lee, Ted Paton and Ryan Videtich present. Commissioner Judy Swartz was excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Jan Johnson were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Hoppough reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Paton to approve the agenda for the March 11, 2020 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairperson Hoppough called for public comments. No comments were offered.

OLD BUSINESS Project 1, LLC – Site Plan Approval/Special Land Use Permit Approval – 410 Swartz Court – Provisioning Center Facility: There is nothing new to report on this request. The applicant has submitted no additional information since the February 12, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

Crisis Shelter Homes – Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The Commission reviewed this proposed amendment at its February meeting and offered several revisions. Since the February meeting the City’s Planning Consultant, Janis Johnson, has revised the proposed amendment based on suggestions offered by the Commission. Mrs. Johnson reviewed with the Commission the revised amendment. Prior to the Commission conducting the Public Hearing on the proposed amendment, input will be solicited from the local RAVE Board of Directors.

Discuss Buffering Requirements for Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers: At the February meeting, Commissioners discussed the number of medical marihuana provisioning center applications that the City has received for properties located along Steele Street and whether a) the parks buffering distance should be increased from 500' and/or b) whether the City Council approved list of parks to be "buffered" should be amended to include the future proposed "Wetland Park" and "Steele Park" to be developed along Steele Street. As a follow-up to this discussion, the City Manager reviewed with the Commission maps of the Steele Street area of the City which include buffering "rings" from the subject future parks.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Donaldson, seconded by Commissioner Paton to recommend to the City Council that the current parks buffering resolution applicable to Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers be amended to include the future "Wetland Park" and future "Steele Park" both proposed to be constructed along Steele Street. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss 2019 Master Plan Implementation Plan: The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the various action items contained in the recently adopted Master Plan. He suggested that the Commission develop a Master Plan Implementation Plan covering the next five years in which the action items contained in the Master Plan are categorized in priority of completion based on short-term (1-2 years to complete); mid-term (3 to 4 years); and, long term (5+ years) planning periods. Commissioners were asked to review the action items contained in the Master Plan and share with the City Manager their top four projects for each planning period. The City Manager will then categorize the preferences and share with Commissioners at the April meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Paton to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary