

City Of Hart

407 S. State St

Hart, Mi 49420

Planning Commission

Thursday, March 5th, 2020

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Root, Gale Goldberg, Diane LaPorte, Jim Cunningham, Rob Splane, Peggy Wittman, Jack Wittman

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: David Jirousek (Horizon Community), Lynne Ladner (City Manager), and Karla Swihart (Dep. Clerk).

Chairman B. Root called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

A motion was made by D. Laporte to approve the agenda and supported by J. Cunningham
Ayes 7 Nays 0 Absent 0. The motion carried.

A motion to adopt the January 9th, 2020 meeting minutes as presented made by R. Splane and supported by D. Laporte. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Absent 0. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- No Public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Begin answering questions related to if Medical marihuana Facilities or Recreational marihuana establishments were to be permitted in the City of Hart what recommendations the Planning Commission have in relation to drafting a preliminary zoning ordinance.

- The City's attorney put together a letter of questions and explanations that will need to be answered before he can draft a preliminary ordinance.
- G. Goldberg would like to keep the discussion separated between Medical marihuana and Recreational marihuana.
- The City Council voted to opt-out, but the Mayor asked that the planning commission start looking at this because down the road the ordinance to opt-out had a three-year sunset, and in order to make sure that when it does sunset if the council at that time decides to opt-in, the City is prepared with a zoning ordinance rather than being behind the eight ball. We have taken the necessary steps walking through all the possibilities of Medical marihuana and Recreational marihuana that it is ready, and we can move forward at that time. They know it is not going to be an overnight decision. That way, the City can have a draft ordinance ready.
- There are going to be many different types of marihuana facilities.
- There is already a state law that all marihuana has to be tested at a facility, and these facilities have to have a state license.
- It was brought up that the planning commission comes up with a 7-10 question survey to be sent out to the public so they can have a say on the pros and cons of marihuana facilities within the city. Either have a survey posted on line or posted in the lobby of City Hall and available for the public to pick up. Also, attach a fact sheet to educate the public and include a zoning map. It

needs to be kept simple but yet provide enough information for the public to understand. A draft survey and a draft fact sheet for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- G. Goldberg asked if ORV went to the City Council. They only had the 1st reading. The 2nd reading is Tuesday night at the City Council meeting.
- P. Wittman asked for a copy of the By-Laws.

A motion was made by J. Wittman to adjourn the meeting and supported by D. Laporte All Ayes, Absent 0. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm The next scheduled meeting is on April 2nd, 2020, at 4 pm.