

Planning Commission Meeting

February 21, 2017

Present: D. Ferguson, M. George, K. Karn, J. Glassman, L. Williams

Absent: None

Visitors: Rick Anstiss and Catherine Glassman

Appointments: Larry Williams was appointed to the Planning Commission at the regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2017 for a 3 year term by Village President Virginia Gonzalez.

MNRTF Grant: Parks Walking Trial, the project has been approved; the state has not released any funds yet.

Master Plan: Per K. Karn the Village Master Plan will have to be updated next year. It will not be as hard to put together as we can use the current plan and update from there.

Merit Network: High speed internet; K. Karn briefed the Planning Commission on the info provided to the Village Council regarding a special offer from Merit Network available until March 31, 2017 for free fiber installation with a 5 year contract with 20 Mb level of service. The free fiber installation would be a savings of \$15,350.00. The annual cost for a 5 yr. contract is \$2,356.00. Village Clerk looking at outside source for billing and management of this service & costs.

MMMFLA: Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act – That Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law on September 21, 2016. Legalizes the use of Marihuana-infused products known as edibles for the purpose of state law. Allows municipalities to choose whether to allow any of these facilities in their jurisdiction such as Growers, Processors, and Provisioning Centers, Secure Transports and Safety Compliance Facilities- or testing centers.

If a Municipality takes no action, none of the Facilities are allowed. A Municipality that wishes to allow these facilities must enact an ordinance explicitly authorizing them.

Visitor Rick Anstiss brought a copy of the City of Buchanan's legal joint workshop session prepared by Richard Racht, Bittner/Jennings, P.C. He presented information regarding these facilities and how if allowed he would operate one. He would have a very professional operation; he is not looking to put Bob Marley or Bongs in the window. He wants to breakdown misconceptions and long term beliefs that Marijuana is just a bad drug. It does have medical benefits for a wide variety of illnesses and conditions; from tumors to migraines. The facilities are very regulated and you cannot enter one without a valid state issued card. He will not grow any plants at his location at this time he is looking to operate a testing facility, where growers

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or patients can bring their Medicine to be tested for mold and other unfavorable factors that could endanger people health. Once the product is tested nothing of the product remains.

The Planning Commission wants input from all Village Residents and allows everyone to express themselves. A public meeting will be scheduled for April or May 2017. The Clerk will check with the Library to see what dates the room is available.

Meeting Adjourned 7:33 pm.

Meeting Minutes by Shawn Foster, Clerk