

**VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
AT 3:30pm AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

**PRESENT: J. Brogan, Chairman; Members: J. Hamm, J. Moskwa, and Manager, J. Erickson
ABSENT: H. Hoefflerle, D. Rosemurgy**

At 3:30 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Moskwa, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda with the revision of Item C and D.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Moskwa, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission of September 21, 2016 and September 7, 2016 –corrected copy.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None

BUSINESS

A. LICENSED MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES

In May the manager will be attending a course on licensed medical marihuana facilities and the Capital Conference will have more information. We may need to do a Resolution with changes. Each operation needs to be owned by different individual and can be changed up to \$5,000 each for licensing. The Planning Commission will need to review and make a recommendation to the Village Council.

B. PURE MICHIGAN SIGNS

The Manager received a call from MDOT informing him we may need a specific ordinance to pass the Pure Michigan Signs. The owner of the facility pays the sign fees.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Moskwa, (CARRIED) to support the sign ordinance.

C. FOOD TRUCKS – VENDOR ORDINANCE

The commission will revisit the food truck vendor ordinance and it was suggested to schedule a public hearing after the ordinance draft is completed. It was suggested to exempt community events.

D. REDEVELOPMENT READ COMMUNITIES

The MEDC has implemented a new set of hoops that communities in Michigan must jump through to receive any project funding assistance. Communities must be “engaged” in the process by October in order to be eligible for any funding assistance for any projects, including private investors, in the Village.

In order to become “engaged” the Village must:

- a. Have an official complete the RRC Best Practice training program (DONE)

- b. Complete all self-evaluation forms (Planning Commission)
- c. The Council adopts a resolution of intent to participate in the RRC program.

The Village will submit the self-evaluations and resolution to MEDC, and then if everything is in order, a MOU (memorandum of understanding) is executed with MEDC. Then the Village will be “engaged” and then a whole new set of hoops need to be negotiated before we become “certified”. The Planning Commission will be working on the task of preparing the self-evaluations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Moskwa asked about the state requirement on snow removal green light vs yellow lights. This will be put on the next agenda for further review.

Commissioner Moskwa talked about trailers too big for yards and would like it added to the next agenda.

The Dollar General Site plan was discussed. It was suggested for a site variance to accommodate their plans, but o additional information from the developer has come in.

WUPPDR target market analysis for housing and retail was discussed and copies are available at the Village Office for the Planning Commission.

Victoria James asked if we had any liquor licenses available in Ontonagon County. We are not sure, but check availability at the County Treasurer office or the State Liquor Control Board.

ADJOURN

At 4:15 pm a motion was made by Moskwa, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

James Brogan –Chairman

Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

Date