

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
116 W. Nagonaba St.
Tuesday January 21, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Tyrrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Verdon, Tyrrell, Frerichs, Gale, Heitler, Collins and Fuller. Absent: McCann

Public Present

Jerry Schatz, Laura Cavendish, John Snyder and Mathew Dodson

Staff Present

Cindy Edmondson Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda

January 21, 2020 approved as written.

Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Public Comments

Laura Cavendish from ATCFAP reported that project is moving forward with digging to begin on site as weather permits. Plan for soft opening of project is tentatively set for Memorial weekend. Grand opening is set for June 14, 2020.

Zoning Administrator's Report

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Village Council Representative's Report

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Infrastructure Committee Meeting Report

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Review Draft Marijuana Ordinance

Draft version of Article 15 Marihuana Establishments : Jane Gale wrote a draft in which the following changes were proposed:

- 1) Insert language that requires establishments to comply with all State and local building and construction regulations. Follow Village Architectural Design standards to the extent possible.
- 2) Establish hours of operation from 8 AM – 9 PM seven days a week (consistent with local business operations and State liquor laws).
- 3) Reduce separation distance from licensed substance use disorder program and religious institutions from 1000' to 500'.

Draft Capital Improvement Plan

Chair Tyrrell stated a 5 year plan is being refined. There is a working document for all Village departments looking at projects and developing a plan for repair or replacement for future budgeting.

Recreation Plan Review

Chair Tyrrell reminded Commissioners that the Recreational Plan is due to be reviewed and updated during the upcoming year. There are many steps that need to be taken prior to working on it. To get someone under contract to help with plan, put out public questionnaires to get public opinion and to query children from the schools for a different perspective. Commissioners were encouraged to review the document, think about areas to update and to note any updates to be made to the Master Plan to keep the documents coordinated.

Public Comment

Jerry Schatz of Mill St. supplied photos of possible hazardous waste barrels found on the 7th street property. They will be appended to his report "Issues and Options for Uses of East Seventh Street Property Owned by the Village of Northport, Michigan." He also pointed out that the 7th street parcel may need to be rezoned if the Village wants to sell it for residential development.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Collins asked to be excused for February's meeting. Chair Tyrrell granted request. Commissioners Verdon and Frerichs thanked Commissioner Gale for work on Capital Improvement Project. Commissioner Heitler commented on the South Beach bathrooms requiring paint. They are in a 'first impression' position as you enter the Marina and should always be in good repair. Chair Tyrrell stated she will be in touch with Joni Scott to informally get ideas of council's future needs.

Adjournment

Chair Tyrrell requested a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Verdon so moved, Commissioner Collins seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Cindy Edmondson, Recording Secretary