

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 27, 2021

A meeting of the Luna Pier Planning Commission was held on July 27, 2021 at Water Tower Park, 10345 Harold Drive, Luna Pier, Michigan 48157.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fredericks at 7:01 p.m., roll call and a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Gramza, Rick Liechty, Frank Perry, Art Richardson, Rick Stump, Mark Fredericks

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Gardner (Mayor)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gramza, supported by Commissioner Perry to accept and dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 22, 2021.

Motion Carried

Close regular meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gramza, supported by Commissioner Liechty to close the regular meeting at 7:02 pm.

Motion Carried

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, supported by Commissioner Perry to the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

Motion Carried

REPORTS: Recreational Marijuana

Commissioner Perry went over the handout in regards to Recreational Marijuana.

Public Commit:

Gavin McLennan – 4356 11th Street, he personally feels that having recreational marijuana would be good for more revenue for the city from out of town traffic.

Jason Davison – 10701 Madison Street, owner of the Medical Marijuana facility that is being built. He is in favor of allowing recreational marijuana and this is a good opportunity for Luna Pier.

Mike Briskey – 10420 S Harold Drive, would like to see a limit on dispensaries, a lot of parking is needed, collect application fees and only one purchase per person per day. Make sure there is security.

Hilary Dulany - Lambertville, has been in the business for over 13 years. Feels that Luna Pier would be a good place for recreational marijuana.

Joe Johnson, 10501 Evans Drive, owner of Dynamic Transportation, he is in support of recreation and medical marijuana. Would like to see a limited number of retail stores.

Kelly Larrow - 4350 South 6th Street, has spent a lot of time on the phone where recreational marijuana is allowed. Would like to see one or two retail stores allowed. Need to be prepared because it's coming to Luna Pier and we need to have control over it. There is a lot of paper work that will need to be done.

Tim Kennedy – Thanked the members of council. Would like to see the permits for retail stores for Luna Pier residents.

Michael Henry – 11257 Harold Drive, he stated that J. Davison's medical marijuana facility is a good place because it is out of site. The mall is not a good place for recreational marijuana because it is the first thing you see when entering the city.

Joe Dorman – 10631 Valleywood, the medical marijuana is in his back yard and doesn't have a problem with that. The mall is more open and doesn't feel that would be a good place to have a retail store.

Helen Lazette – 10918 Harold Drive, is concerned about the product coming in and out of the city and policing it. The city has volunteer firefighters and is concerned they will not be able to handle it.

Kelly Larrow – 4350 South 6th Street, she understands that some residents may or may not want this in the city, but it's coming. There will be tons of people coming into the city. Licenses are where the city would make revenue. We need to do what's best the Luna Pier and take control.

Hilary Dulany – Lambertville, in most communities the facilities have the most secure area.

Joe Bozyaski - 10552 Evans Drive, owner of the Pier Plaza. No building will be going into the parking lot and the retail store would be the farthest point of the mall. He would hope that this would bring more customers to the businesses already at Pier Plaza.

Mike Briskey - 10420 S Harold Drive, would like to see controlled hours, no product visible from the street or sidewalk, a lot of parking needed and good signage.

Jason Davison - 10701 Madison Street, his company will be paying to their own security, there is a single road going to his facility, it is against the law to be able to see any product from the outside of the building.

Jim Gardner – 11221 Harold Drive, Thanked everyone for being very respectful, he could defend either side, and the city needs to do what is best for the city.

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gramza, supported by Commissioner Richardson to close the meeting for public commit at 7:55 pm.

Motion Carried

Open Regular Meeting:

A proposed motion was made by Commissioner Liechty, supported by Commissioner Perry to open the regular meeting at 7:56 pm.

Motion Carried

COMMUNITY INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PLANNING ACTION NEEDED: None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT: None

COMMISSIONERS INPUT: None

GENERAL INFORMATION: None

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A. Parks & Rec: August 10th at 7:00 pm – Water Tower Park
- B. Council: August 12th & 26th at 7:00 pm – Water Tower Park
- C. FEP: August 17th at 7:00 pm – Water Tower Park
- D. Planning Commission: August 24th at 4:00 pm – City Hall
- E. DDA: August 24th at 6:30 – Water Tower Park

MEETING AJOURNED:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gramza, supported by Commissioner Perry to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion Carried

DeAnn Parran
Recording Secretary