

Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting

7:00pm September 13, 2022

Auditorium

Commissioner Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: Commissioner Joanna Jacobs, Commissioner Neil Syvertson, Commissioner Amy Penaz

Members Absent: Commissioner Sarah Kahn, Commissioner Ryan McDonald

Zoning Administrator Present: Diane Pedersen

Others Present: Bruce Bebo, Kyle Bishop

Approve minutes from August 2, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Syvertson second by Commissioner Penaz to approve the minutes from August 2, 2022. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried

Public Comment - None

New Business

1. Kyle Bishop – new store on Main Street in old Grounded Gardens building – Tranquility in Minds
 - a. CBD business selling legal THC and edibles such as pizza and ice cream. The State took out the definition of food under edible cannabinoid products, so they do not have the same guidelines as a commercial kitchen would have.
 - b. They are regulated by the State and are overseen by the Board of Pharmacy who took it over from Agriculture.
 - c. Lease has been signed. Currently an online company, they do provide delivery.
 - d. McLeod County is leaving it up to the individual cities to decide whether to allow sales.
 - e. Currently there are no required inspections.

Motion by Commissioner Syvertson second by Commissioner Penaz that the Planning Commission finds no issues with the opening of the new Tranquility in Minds THC store on Main Street if they operate under the State Laws and County regulations. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried

Old Business

1. LED Sign – Jim Nowak
 - a. Variance request to be completed
 - i. Location of the sign in a residential district
 - ii. Size of the sign – 168 square feet, so over the permitted 100 square feet.
 1. LED sign is 64 square feet
 2. Muni sign is 64 square feet
 3. Silver Lake header sign is 40 square feet
 - iii. Height of the sign
 1. Ordinance states height cannot exceed 20 feet from grade, this sign will be 24 feet.
 - b. Building Permit to be completed
 - c. MNSPECT Commercial Sign Permit to be completed
 - d. DOT Permit to be completed

- e. Notification to be sent out to the list of residents within 350 feet once the variance request is submitted.
 - f. Engineered drawings were mailed out today. The only change that needed to be made was the change made by the State of MN regarding their preferences for the footing for signs. The cost was \$562.00, and the Civics have agreed to pay this fee.
 - g. Going to obtain the cost on having the poles blasted and galvanized rather than painted which will provide a longer life span.
 - h. Hoping to have the sign go up in the Spring of 2023.
 - i. When is display is up on the sign, it must stay up for no less than six (6) seconds per DOT regulations.
 - j. The total cost of the sign is estimated to be around \$65,000. Once permits are complete, Jim will start to solicit funds from local organizations.
2. Campground – no update
 3. MNTAP update – no update

Open Discussion

1. Discussed the outcome of the request to reconsider the council's decision to deny the curb cut at 645 Grand Avenue. Council did not reverse their decision.

Motion by Commissioner Penaz second by Commissioner Syvertson to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned 7:25pm