



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall, 222 South Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.

In light of the recent orders to limit social interactions due to COVID-19, the Planning Commission allowed for participation in person or through a virtual meeting site.

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Piantek at 6:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Andry, Bolles, Rae, Piantek
Absent: Martin

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Public Comments

None at this time.

5. Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: [July 7, 2020](#)

Move by Piantek, seconded by Bolles to approve the minutes from July 7, 2020. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. The Planning Commission will be asked to hold public hearings on the following items, and consider recommendations on each to the City Commission:

- a. **Proposed text amendment to the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance to add: “longest length to face the street” to Minimum dwelling width 24 feet throughout entire length in 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 Area, Height, Bulk and Placement Requirements table.**

Moved by Piantek, seconded by Bolles to open the public hearing. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 6:35 p.m.

There were no public comments at this time.

The Planning Commissioners discussed the impact of making the change to the zoning ordinance. The discussion revolved around the following items:

- There are no concerns about accessing the facilities if they were perpendicular to the road.
- The Commission noted there were several other homes positioned perpendicular to the street throughout town.

- The Commission agreed that the property owners should be able improve their property if they wish.
- There was much discussion on the aesthetic nature of allowing perpendicular housing. The Commission determined it was better for them to propose regulations on the aesthetics of a home, for example requiring a door on the street side of the home, instead of limiting the length and width allowed.

Moved by Rae, seconded by Piantek to close the public hearing. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

At this time the Planning Commission agreed that they would not be moving forward with recommending the ordinance. Commissioner Bolles will review the discussion with the City Commission to get their input on the discussion.

b. **Proposed text amendment to the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance: to add Section 13.9 Prohibition of Medical Marihuana Facilities – ordinance to prohibit MMF within the Central Business District.**

Moved by Rae, seconded by Piantek to open a public hearing. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 6:54 p.m.

Members of the public questioned what types of marihuana licenses were available in town.

There was some discussion amongst the planning commission on the difference between medical and recreational marihuana.

Moved by Rae, seconded by Bolles to close the public hearing Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Moved by Rae, seconded by Bolles to recommend the City Commission approve an amendment to the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance: to add Section 13.9 Prohibition of Medical Marihuana Facilities – ordinance to prohibit MMF within the Central Business District. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

7. The Planning Commission will be asked to consider setting a public hearing date to consider public comment on the allowance Storage Facilities within the City.

The Planning Commission discussed setting a public hearing regarding a text amendment to remove the allowance of storage facilities within the zoning ordinance. The Commission decided to hold a public hearing at their next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.