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Park Board of Trustees on 9-6-19.

Village of Maple Park Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Immediately Following the Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village President Kathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

2. Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Board members were present: President Kathy Curtis, Trustee Suzanne Fahnestock, Trustee JP Dries, Trustee Chris Higgins. Absent: Trustee Brandon Harris^R (Remote Attendance), and Trustee Jen Ward* (arrived late).

Others present: Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, and Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the Rules of Public Comment and should register with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.*

None.

4. CANNABIS DISCUSSION AND ACTION PLAN

President Curtis advised that she never will put an item to vote unless she knows how she is going to vote. She added that at this time she is recommending the prohibition of recreational marijuana.

The Board then discussed the pros and cons of allowing this.

Village Attorney Kevin Buick reminded the Board that the village has approved medical marijuana in the past and explained that there is a difference between medical marijuana and “Recreational,” or Adult-Use” marijuana. He also discussed a sample ordinance from the Illinois Municipal League that would allow the village to prohibit the use.

Trustee Dries asked about “home-grown” marijuana. Mr. Buick advised that “home-grown” is only for medical use, it is not allowed for recreational; adding that “home-grown” for medical-use cannot be prohibited. Mr. Buick advised that using the model ordinance that was included in the agenda packet, the village could prohibit the use of recreational or adult-use. President Curtis said that her concern is the fact that the village has a part-time police department and does not have administrative adjudication, but she asked if the village could change their mind in the future. Mr. Buick advised that you can always allow recreational use by ordinance at a later date.

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Trustee Fahnestock said that the approval of an ordinance to allow marijuana use and sales would bring people from other municipalities. She thinks that this would make a lot more work for the police department. Trustee Fahnestock said that at this time she is not in favor of approving the use and/or sale of marijuana.

President Curtis advised that every time someone makes an inquiry that will take away from the village staff working on the projects that are a priority for the village. Trustee Ward said that the village is in between two very well-travelled highways and near two municipalities that are entertaining this. She said she thinks that prohibiting the use and sale would be a burden on the village, but acknowledged that it would be a lot of work for the staff to bring in a marijuana business. Trustee Ward said that she will vote no on the prohibition because she has seen the amount of tax that comes from the sale of alcohol, but knows that this needs to be done for at least two years.

Trustee Rebone went over the reasons that he was against bringing a marijuana-based business to town, he feels that the village's infrastructure is a higher priority. He is okay to prohibit this for two years and then see how the village is sitting then, adding that the village needs to work on the basic services before allowing this to come to Maple Park. Trustee Rebone said he would like to table this; President Curtis said that she does not want to table this, she wants to prohibit. Trustee Rebone and Trustee Ward said that is what they meant also.

Trustee Dries said that the village does not have anyone asking to bring a marijuana-based business to Maple Park, but he would like to see an advisory committee look at doing a referendum to see what the residents think.

President Curtis asked Trustee Harris for his opinion. He said that there was a lot of good points, but prohibition is really strong. He would be in favor of a special use permit for a marijuana-based business. He also said he would like to put it to vote and move on.

Trustee Higgins said that he doesn't know how he would vote on it if it was on the agenda today. He also said that the police department is going to have the burden no matter if it is prohibited or not, but a marijuana-based business will have a lot of money put into their business and will have it secure. He wants to see Maple Park grow and he doesn't think that prohibiting this will solve any issues.

Trustee Dries asked Chief Stiegemeier for his opinion. Chief said that he is not in favor of allowing this in the village and discussed his reasons for not being in favor.

Trustee Higgins said that statistics say that underage use is down, Chief Stiegemeier did not agree. Trustee Higgins said that he feels that the underage use will not change with legalization. Trustee Harris asked if Chief was for prohibition. President Curtis said that chief Stiegemeier is for prohibition.

Consensus was to have a draft ordinance on the September agenda, prohibiting Adult-Use marijuana businesses.

5. OTHER PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

President Curtis said that the village is at the 90-day point with engineering. She recommends continuing with Lintech Engineering and working with the Village Administrator through the committees on engineering projects. She said that the Board needs to let the Village Engineer and the Village Administrator do their jobs.

Trustee Rebone said he would like to keep Lintech, but would like to see something shorter. President Curtis advised that that is his normal contract. Trustee Higgins said that Mr. Lin has upped his game, but there are still challenges in other areas. He suggested using Lintech for some things and using another firm for big projects. The Board agreed that there are services that Mr. Lin does not offer, so for those projects a bigger firm could be used.

Trustee Fahnestock made a motion to renew Lintech's agreement for one-year and send this to the Board agenda for approval in September, seconded by Trustee Ward. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Rebone asked to have the next year's contract on the agenda earlier than December.

President Curtis updated the Board on the property behind the townhomes. She said that there was a meeting with the property owner to get the land deeds, but the village has received no land deeds. She said that she doesn't believe that the village should stop mowing. She also advised that the village's lift station is on the property, but Trustee Rebone said that it is a utility easement and they can't deny us access. The committee discussed different solutions, and Mr. Buick agreed to draft a letter on the drainage work that needs to be done.

President Curtis advised that the Village Administrator will be meeting with all the Trustees and attending committee meetings, and she asked the Board to embrace the paradigm.

The Board then discussed the emergency preparedness document and the Village Clerk will ask the Chief if he has that document electronically, and have it forwarded to Trustee Fahnestock.

Trustee Dries advised that a 55-pound beaver was caught in the Union Drainage Ditch. He said the Union Ditch District personnel took care of the beaver and its dam.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Higgins made motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by voice vote.

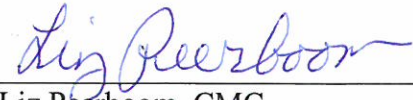
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Liz Peerboom, CMC
Village Clerk