

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

April 23, 2018

Vice chair, Christine Gollnick, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Present: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels, Chuck Hartshorn, Emma Everett, and Betty Blount. Chad Penney arrived shortly afterward. Also present: Ben Wheeler and Melanie Matthews. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Betty, to approve the March minutes with one spelling correction on a name. Motion passed 5-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Concerning the MMFLA, the City Council decided to uncap the number of Class C growers. Ben shared that there has been a buyer of the old Hutchinson building/factory who is planning on growing marihuana there. Fourteen licenses are desired to allow for staggered growth and maturity. The additional licenses would bring in \$68,000 to the City and allow for this production. Also, approval of Provisioning Centers in Lansing is going slowly.

Ben shared that he has been contacted by someone concerning a carport which brought up concern about vinyl or fabric carports or shelters. He shared Morenci's language concerning this. Such an ordinance or inserting language regarding such usage might be something we need to consider. The issue was tabled for right now.

Chad made a motion, seconded by Emma, to cancel the May meeting and pick up again with the scheduled June meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Betty shared that there is no decision yet about location and time for getting a downtown mural painted by Thor Alward.

Ben shared Reading Township's recently passed Large Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems ordinance. It is quite detailed. For now it can be a springboard for further discussion and consideration of a solar and/or wind energy ordinance for the city.

Storage use in the downtown district was discussed. It was felt it could be difficult to regulate. There is nothing for or against such use in our Business District language. For right now it was felt we would not make any change to the ordinance.

Concerning our Master Plan, Chuck shared a sample survey about Reading that could be used to gather information from the community. We are to start looking it over for adjustments or other additions.

One Compliance Permit was issued to Brott's, 217 Maple Street, for an addition.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Emma, to adjourn at 8:32. Motion passed 6-0.