

## CITY OF READING PLANNING COMMISSION

### 2018 Annual Report

January 8, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider recommending the adoption of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (PA 281 of 2016) Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The Amendment as presented with two additional changes was passed for recommendation to the City Council.

Officers for 2018 were elected.

The 2018 meeting schedule was approved.

The 2017 Annual Report was approved.

Some changes concerning commission membership numbers, meeting days, and quorum definitions to the Planning Commission's By-Laws and Rules of Procedure was adopted.

No Annual Work Program was developed at this time.

February 12, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider a sign request for Karim Health Care at 122 S. Main Street. The commission did not act upon the request at this time as it felt more information was needed.

Applications for three MMFLA provisioning centers were reviewed with comments and suggestions made about each one.

March 12, 2018

A representative from Karim Health Care was present to further clarify information about the proposed sign for the business. The proposed sign was approved by the commission.

Further review of the three MMFLA provisioning center applications was conducted with answers and clarifications made by the applicants.

In separate motions, the applications for Green Tree Relief, Reading Releaf Center, and Happiest Camper THC were approved for recommendation.

Administrator Ben Wheeler brought up the need to possibly review and adopt an ordinance amendment to cover solar panel usage in the city.

Member Chuck Hartshorn brought up the possible need to review and update our Master Plan.

April 23, 2018

Administrator Ben Wheeler shared that the old Hutchinson building/factory had been recently bought with the possible intention of putting in a growing site there.

Ben shared that the commission may want to consider a vinyl or fabric carport amendment as some have appeared around town.

The commission approved canceling the May meeting.

Ben shared Reading Township's Large Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems ordinance.

It was felt that no changes were needed to our Ordinances for now concerning Downtown Business storage use.

The Master Plan review may need a public survey.

June 11, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider an additional sign on the Hillsdale Hospital satellite building. The proposed sign was approved for recommendation.

A second Public Hearing was held to consider an application by the city to convert the old Dollar General building into a possible open-air pavilion. Proposed particulars were shared, with the commission making a few additional suggestions. The Special Land Use application for this project was approved for recommendation to city council with a few restrictions added to the recommendation.

It was felt that an additional alternative energy (solar/wind) ordinance would not need to be considered at this point.

City Manager Kym Blythe will keep on top of any Master Plan or Capital Improvement Plan changes or development.

Administrator Ben Wheeler shared the final documentation of the city's Ordinances relating to Medical Marihuana Facilities.

July 9, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider the construction of an additional storage type building on property accessed from 113 North Main Street. The proposed materials and site plan were approved by the commission.

September 4, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider rezoning property at 110 East Silver Street and two at 105 and 109 East Cherry Street from R-1 to B-2. It was recommended to rezone the 110 East Silver Street property owned by TIFA from R-1 to B-2 to accommodate

possible development there. The two properties at 105 and 109 East Cherry Street were not recommended to be rezoned from R-1 to B-2 at this time.

October 8, 2018

Administrator Ben Wheeler alerted the commission about possible upcoming hearings concerning possible development proposals of the old trucking facility area south of West Elm Street, currently zoned R-1, and a possible rezoning request from R-1 by the BP owners to allow for construction of an additional business next to the BP on M-49.

November 12, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider rezoning property south of the BP on M-49 from R-1 to B-1 to accommodate construction of a Razorback Outdoors business there. The commission approved recommending the request with the entire R-1 parcel being rezoned to B-1.

December 10, 2018

A Public Hearing was held to consider the use of a gray deco polymer Brick Panel on the front of the property at 112 South Main Street. The use of the gray deco polymer Brick Panel was approved by the commission.

The commission considered two MMFLA applications, one for Grower and one for Processor, in the Industrial Park. After discussion, in separate motions, the applications for MMFLA Processor and MMFLA Grower by Robert Terry/Frankfort Green LLC were approved and recommended for adoption by City Council.