READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

January 7, 2019

Chad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Present: Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Christine Gollnick, Emma Everett, Betty Blount, and Chuck Hartshorn. Absent: none. Also present: Kym Blythe, Ben Wheeler, Chris Clabaugh, and 12 other guests. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chris, to approve the December 2018 minutes. Motion carried 5-0, as one member arrived just after this. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Chad closed the regular meeting at 7:02 and opened a Public Hearing to consider a Special Use application by The Happiest Camper LLC at 112 South Main Street for the purpose of opening a Medical Marihuana Facility-Provisioning Center under the City of Reading Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Ordinances and applicable Zoning Ordinances. Chris addressed questions and concerns about the Center. Items brought up were these: Exterior lighting will be provided at both the front and back door locations. Concerning security, cameras will be on and meet state requirements. The security alarm system is on 24/7 with a 30-day loop if any review is needed. Reading police are right here. There is a second entrance door inside that customers have to be buzzed through as well. No on-site security guard should be needed. A walk through and inspection by state representatives, local law enforcement, and city officials will be required before opening. One other guest said Michigan regulations are quite stringent. Another guest wondered about response time when Reading City police are off-duty. Any intrusion would be captured on camera and the alarm system would notify authorities. As to a question about any possible odor being a nuisance, a filtration system including ventilation and exhaust equipment have to meet state standards. There should not be any odor affecting any nearby businesses. The proposed size of the exterior sign was checked against the City Ordinances and found it would be satisfactory. Wording was limited to the name of the business. However, as to the exact color scheme the commission felt more information would be needed as the Center is in the Downtown Historic District. Follow up will be needed concerning that. One guest was supportive of the proposed Center as it will eliminate her need to drive to Ann Arbor. Proposed hours of operation were discussed. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Chris, to close the Public Hearing on 112 South Main Street at 7:58. Motion carried 6-0.

Chad reopened the regular meeting. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to grant a Special Land Use permit to The Happiest Camper LLC at 112 South Main Street for a provisioning center subject to the applicant receiving final approval and issuance of a State of Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities License as well as being licensed by the City of Reading, and must be at all times in compliance with the requirements of applicable City ordinances. This special land use permit is specific to The Happiest Camper LLC and shall be revoked if the applicant ceases operation at 112 South Main Street. This special land use permit is subject to the following condition: Established hours of operation shall fall only between 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Sunday. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Emma made a motion, seconded by Chris, to keep the officers the same as in 2018. (Chad-chairperson, Christine-vice chair, and Warren-secretary). Motion carried 6-0.

The 2019 meeting schedule was reviewed. Warren made a motion, seconded by Emma, to adopt the proposed schedule. Motion carried 6-0.

Emma made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to accept the 2018 Annual Report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration of a proposed Annual Work Program was tabled until further consideration, probably in February.

The current Planning Commission By-Laws were reviewed and felt satisfactory at this time. One change was recommended in the printing: the Amended Date at the top and at the end should also list January 18, 2018, or perhaps last amended January 18, 2018.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time.

PERMITS ISSUED: none.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Betty, to adjourn at 8:54. Motion carried 6-0.