

## READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

November 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chair Betty Blount. The meeting was held both remotely by Zoom and in person. Members in attendance were Betty Blount, Warren Bartels, Chad Penney, and Chuck Hartshorn. Members absent were Derek Bassage (excused) and Rebecca Matz. Member Lacy George has resigned leaving an opening on the commission. No one appeared attending remotely. Also in attendance were Ben Wheeler and Kym Blythe. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the July minutes from our last meeting. The minutes were approved 4-0. The agenda was accepted as presented. There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS: A general review of the new Master Plan was done. People were impressed with the document and the work done. There was some discussion on lot sizes and related housing development. Ben requested that commission members look at p. 64,71,73,75, and 77. Note the PC (Planning Commission) designated items. We will need to prioritize these items so please begin to review them.

Marihuana Ordinance Review and discussion—1) It was noted that some of the early parking issues have subsided, especially as new Provisioning Centers have opened in Camden, Quincy, and Coldwater. Library parking still needs to be monitored, as this is still sometimes an issue for them. 2) There was some discussion as to whether separate limitations of 3 for Class A and Class B Growers are necessary. 3) It was noted that safety in the city is enhanced as there are now two full time police officers. 4) Some benefits for having the businesses were noted: a) 40 jobs have been created, and it could max at 60 if needed in the downtown. b) The pay is competitive and one business is also offering health benefits. c) Traffic in town has increased 3-4 times more than previous to the businesses being in town. There are approximately 15,000 by customer transaction data. These numbers can help other businesses. d) Some monetary donations have been made to local activities, such as to the High School band.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMPLIANCE PERMITS have been issued to:

Mousseau, 217 East Street, for a fence

Allen, 112 E. Elm Street, for a carport

Eby, 211 E. Lincoln Street, for a garage addition

Londeau, 700 E. Michigan Street, for an accessory building

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Chad, to adjourn at 8:35. Motion carried 4-0.