

**City of Hart**  
**407 S. State St.**  
**Hart, MI 49420**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Betty Root, Jim Cunningham, Diane LaPorte, Rob Splane, Peggy Wittman, and Al Martin.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ron LaPorte, David Jirousek (Horizon Community), Karla Swihart (Dep. Clerk), Julie Kreilick.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Root at 4 pm.

**Agenda:** Approved by D. LaPorte and supported by R. Splane and supported by all (6-0) Motion carried

Minutes: P. Wittman questioned how the minutes were typed up, a motion was made to adopt the minutes as presented by J. Cunningham, supported by A. Martin. Ayes 5 Nays 1 Absent 0 the motion carried

4) **Public Comments:** No Public present

5) **Public Hearing:** For the proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to add Chapter 1263 Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments and Marihuana Facilities. B. Root opened the public hearing, no public present to discuss. A motion was made by J. Cunningham to close the public hearing, supported by D. LaPorte, all ayes (6-0)

6) Consider recommendation to council related to zoning ordinance amendment regarding Marihuana Regulation under the MRTMA (Recreational Marihuana).

B. Root turned the meeting over to D. Jirousek to do a brief overview of last month's discussion of Ordinance No. 19-

A motion was made to recommend Ordinance No. 19 - to the council by P. Wittman and supported by D. La Porte. B. Root did roll call: Ayes 5, Nays 1, Absent 0. The motion carried to send Ordinance No.19 to the council.

7) **Sign Ordinance Discussion.**

Council returned to PC to consider adding regulations on time, place and manner of all electronic signs.

The subject was turned over to D. Jirousek to cover eight conditions for digital electronic signs. (These were not present at the meeting)

**1259.05 COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.**

**(i) One, double or single sided, on-premise electronic display sign in all business and commercial areas. Electronic display signs are subject to the following requirements:**

- 1. Each message on an electronic display shall be static and shall not move, flash or otherwise be animated.**
- 2. Each message shall be displayed for a period of no less than seven seconds.**
- 3. Transitions from one message to the next shall be instantaneous and shall not scroll, fade or otherwise be animated.**
- 4. An electronic display sign shall be equipped with automatic dimming technology to adjust the brightness of the sign relative to ambient light conditions.**
- 5. No electronic display sign shall exceed a brightness level of 0.3-foot candles above ambient light as measured using a foot-candle (Lux) meter at a preset distance depending on sign area. The measurement distance shall be the square root of the sign area times one hundred. Example using a twelve square-foot sign: measurement distance =  $(12 \times 100) = 34.6$  feet.**
- 6. An applicant proposing an electronic display sign shall provide a photometric plan or detailed sign lighting specifications to demonstrate compliance with the brightness requirement.**
- 7. At any time after the establishment of the electronic display sign, upon request, the owner shall provide the City with sufficient documentation and evidence to demonstrate continued compliance with the brightness requirement.**
- 8. A nonconforming freestanding sign may not be altered to include an electronic display sign unless it is first made conforming to all requirement of this chapter.**

D. Jirousek suggested that a public hearing next month to make it official to add on these 8 points under paragraph (i). Motion made to set a public hearing meeting in May on regulations on time, place and manner of all electronic sign by D. LaPorte and supported by R. Splane and approved by all (6-0) the motion carried.

Next month there will be a public hearing on the section (i)

**Other Business:**

A. Martin suggested a discussion on how the minutes were presented, R. Splane agreed.

A discussion was conducted on how minutes should be typed up or if training should be done on how to take minutes. Also, D. LaPorte stated the date of the next meeting was incorrect on the agenda, and R. Splane suggested possible electronic distribution of packets in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm upon motion by D. LaPorte and supported by R. Splane. Approved (6-0).

The next scheduled meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 4pm.