

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING**

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rickard called the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Plan Commission to order at 7:00 PM and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ch. Rickard, Ms. Gassen, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Maurer, Mr. Patel, Ms. Rollins

ABSENT: Mr. Dmytryszyn, Ms. Majauskas, Ex. Officio Members Olczyk, Livorsi & Menninga

STAFF: Jason Zawila, Planning Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 1, 2019 meeting

Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Rollins to approve the minutes for the July 1, 2019 meeting.

Ch. Rickard called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rickard introduced Mr. Patel and Mr. Dmystryszyn (not present), who were both recently appointed to the Plan Commission.

Ms. Rollins requested an update on the discussions related to Adult Use Cannabis. Planning Manager Jason Zawila stated that the Village Council is still discussing and with their direction a text amendment will need to come forward to the Plan Commission, similar to how they have reviewed other text amendments, most recently for the downtown. With adult use cannabis, the product will be legal in the State of Illinois, and that is not the discussion; the discussion is related to “opting out”, meaning the Village would select to not allow dispensaries in any zoning district, or “opting in” and identifying what zoning districts it would be permitted, either by right, or through a special use.

For discussion by the Village Council, staff provided a zoning idea that would place distance separations and other criteria. Taking this idea further staff presented what this would like on a map and referred to the Village Council agenda reports that are available for more information. Mr. Rickard referenced that the Village Council will provide direction if the dispensary use will be permitted in town and the Plan Commission will make a recommendation. In response to an inquiry on the other types of adult cannabis uses, Mr. Zawila further summarized the different types of cannabis

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operations that will be licensed by the state. An inquiry was made if we can limit the number of dispensaries. Mr. Zawila stated that the zoning idea proposed a limitation on the number in town; in addition the state law requires separation distances from schools, etc. A question was asked if the discussion includes other types of cannabis related uses, such as manufacturing. Mr. Zawila reiterated the different types of cannabis operations that will be licensed by the state. Mr. Zawila stated that next steps include further discussion by the Village Council and that direction will be presented to Plan Commission at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Ch. Rickard called for a Motion to Adjourn.

**Ms. Gassen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Rollins.
The Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Ch. Rickard adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Zawila,
Planning Manger
(transcribed from mp3 recording)