

Minutes
SPECIAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Village Hall – 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439
October 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Lemont Village Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor John Egofske presiding.

ROLL CALL: Kittridge, Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski and Stapleton; present.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Adult Use Cannabis Legislation Workshop- Village Administrator George Schafer presented, HB 1438 (Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act) legalizes the cultivation and sale of marijuana for recreational use by people 21 and older. The bill passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on June 25, 2019 as Public Act 101-0027. The bill went into effect immediately, but many provisions don't take effect until January 1, 2020. Memos from staff and the Village attorney, along with information were presented from the Illinois Municipal League (IML) and state of Illinois have been attached to this memo for reference. Another key component to the discussion involved regulation. While the Village may not prohibit responsible use of cannabis within the community, the bill does not prevent units of local government from enacting reasonable zoning ordinances regulating and/or taxing of cannabis business establishments that may locate within Lemont, or prohibiting establishments entirely. For the discussion at the workshop, Police Chief Maton, lead a presentation on the general provisions of the act, discussed public safety, employment and other impacts of the act to the community, as well as regulation opportunities and revenue share analysis.

Public Act 101-0027 establishes license classes for cannabis cultivation, cannabis dispensaries (retail sales location), infusers (processors) and craft growers. (A fifth category of license established in the Act is for a Transporter license.) The Act permits retail license locations. The law allows municipalities through zoning authority to regulate the location of dispensaries within the village. Board discussed on potential zoning districts that would allow certain license classes of cannabis establishment. Direction was given from Board to regulate adult-use cannabis in the same manner as liquor establishments. The following regulations are proposed:

- Cannabis dispensary as a permitted use in the B-3 Arterial Commercial zoning district and a special use in the B-1 Office/Retail Transitional zoning district
- Craft Grower as a special use in the B-3 district and in the M-1, M-2, and M-3 Manufacturing districts as a special use
- Cannabis infusers and transporting organizations as a special use in the M-1, M-2, and M-3 Manufacturing districts

Zoning regulations are proposed to additionally restrict the location of cannabis dispensaries:

A dispensary shall not be located within 1,500 feet of the property line of a pre-existing dispensary, within 500 feet of the property line of private or public school grounds, or within 100 feet of a child care center not in a

residence, a public park, a library, or a games arcade establishment to which admission is not restricted to persons 21 years or older

IV. OLD BUSINESS- None

V. NEW BUSINESS- None

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by McClafferty, seconded by Stapleton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. VV 6 ayes. Motion passed.