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***Planning Commission Agenda***

**213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938  
Memorial Building, Women's Club Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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**Revised 3/1/2017 at 10:30am**

1. Call to Order
2. Recording of the Roll
3. Approval of the February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit)
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit)
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
  - A. Medical Marijuana Discussion
  - B. Discussion of City owned Parcel on the corner Ayer St. and May St.
  - C. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items
    - I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance
    - II. Strategy 3.1(b) Update the Zoning Map
    - III. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan
    - IV. Strategy 4.4 Prioritize, plan for and construct pedestrian system improvements
    - V. Strategy 5.8(a) & 6.8(a) Develop a community-wide arts plan
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: April 6, 2017
10. Adjournment



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Thursday, February 2, 2017

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Bergman called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Nancy Korpela		X	X	
Semo, Rick, ex-officio, non-voting member	X			
Silver, Mark	X			
	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Silver to accept the January 5, 2016 Minutes. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Cayer to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- A. Public Hearing and Consideration of PC Case 2017-001 Ottawa Forest Products Site Plan and Conditional Use for Outdoor Log Storage: Chairman Davey read aloud the Public Hearing Procedure and opened for public comment. Director Bergman introduced the case and discussed the terms that were discussed between a parks and recreation committee and Ottawa Forest Products at a previous meeting. He also stated that the conditional use is for both properties. Chairman Davey opened and closed for public comment.

**Motion** by Burchell to accept the conditional use permit based from the terms that were presented and agreed upon. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Motion** by Cayer to approve the site plan for both sites. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

- B. PC Case 2017-002 Capital Improvement Plan: Director Bergman stated that the CIP has one additional item that needs to be added.

**Motion** by Burchell to recommend to the City Commission to approve the CIP as amended to include the Historic Ironwood Theatre roof repair project. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

- C. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance
  1. Director Bergman discussed the timeline for the revision and stated that he is waiting on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for potential funding for the update.
- II. Strategy 3.1(b) Update the Zoning Map
  1. Director Bergman stated that some city owned property isn't consistent with the zoning map and could be updated right away.
- III. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan
  1. Director Bergman discussed the wayfinding master plan and stated that staff is working on it.
- IV. Strategy 4.4 Prioritize, plan for and construct pedestrian system improvements
  1. Director Bergman stated that City Manager Erickson would like to workshop this item with the City Commission.
- V. Strategy 5.8(a) & 6.8(a) Develop a community-wide arts plan

1. Director Bergman stated that he has been in discussion with Korpela. There is a meeting scheduled with a regional art organization to get it moving.
8. Other Business: Burchell discussed a grant writing workshop through the Michigan Arts Council hosted at the Historic Ironwood Theatre.
9. Next Meeting: March 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment:  
**Motion** by Silver to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**  
Adjournment at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Sam Davey, Chairman

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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant



## MEMO

**To:** Chair Davey and Planning Commission

**From:** Tom Bergman, Community Development Director

**Date:** February 24, 2017

Meeting Date: March 2, 2017

**Re:** Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act

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In January the City Commission and the Planning Commission had a joint workshop on the new Michigan Medical Marijuana Law. A general overview of the law was described by the city attorney, Tim Dean. The law does not go into effect until December 2017 and facilities will not be allowed to operate in the City unless the city adopts an ordinance that provides a regulatory base for the establishment of these facilities. It was decided that the Planning Commission should review the issue.

### For Discussion

Included in the agenda packet is the overview by Attorney Tim Dean. If you need more information on the law, I can email additional documents that explain the law. Things to consider in the Planning Commission discussion:

1. Should the City allow these facilities?
2. Would it be worthwhile to have a public comment session to gather information from the general public on whether or not establishing an ordinance to allow these facilities would be in the best interest of the community?
3. If the Commission would like to have this public comment session, when should it be?

## Scott Erickson

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**From:** Dean Law Office, P.C. <tmdean@westernuplaw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 11:33 AM  
**To:** Scott Erickson  
**Subject:** Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act

Scott:

This is just a brief overview of the licensing act effective 12/20/16. The purpose of the act is to license and regulate medical marijuana growers, processors, centers, transporters, and facilities. It establishes a licensing board.

Section 205(1) provides that a facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that authorizes that type of facility. Facility means a location at which a license holder is licensed to operate under the act.

A municipality may adopt an ordinance to authorize one or more types of facilities within its boundaries and to limit the number of such facilities. A municipality may adopt other ordinances relating to such facilities including zoning regulations.

A municipal ordinance may establish an annual nonrefundable fee of not more than \$5,000 on a licensee to help defer costs associated with the operation of a facility in the municipality.

Information a municipality obtains from an applicant related to licensure under the act is exempt from FOIA.

A municipality shall provide certain information to the licensing board within 90 days after it receives notice from the applicant that she or he has applied for a license under the act.

Beginning 360 days after the 12/20/16 effective date of the act a person may apply to the board for licenses as a grower, processor, center, transporter, and facility. Information to be provided in the application includes a copy of the notice informing the municipality by registered mail that the applicant has applied for a license plus certification that applicant has delivered the notice to the municipality or will do so by 10 days after the application is submitted.

An applicant is ineligible to receive a license if any of certain circumstances exist including the board's determination that the applicant is not in compliance with section 205(1). Again, that section provides that a facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance authorizing that type of facility. A medical marijuana facility simply means a location at which a license holder is licensed to operate under the act.

The state will impose a 3% tax on a provisioning center's gross retail profits. The tax only applies to a commercial entity that buys from a grower or processor and sells it at retail to patients or caregivers. The money is allocated 25% to a municipality, 30% to the county, 5% to the sheriff, 30% to the state, 5% to police training, and 5% to the MSP.

I'm sure the MML and MTA will provide lots of information as we get closer to the effective date. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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