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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 18th, 2019**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, September 15th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:35 pm

Members Present: V. Beckwith, J. Southworth, L Maurer, K. Cole, B. Lester & J. Spencer

Members absent: D. Helmlinger

Persons in attendance: 14

Purpose of Planning Commission read by J. Spencer

*Motion by J. Southworth supported by B. Lester to approve the Agenda as written*  
***Motion adopted by voice vote***

*Motion by J. Spencer and supported by V. Beckwith to approve the September 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as written*  
***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan**

*Motion by J. Southworth supported by K. Cole to table the master plan until Grant Bauman can be present to speak on it.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**Variance Definition**

*Motion by J. Southworth and supported by B. Lester to accept the variance definition as written in Section 42 of the Ordinance code.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning Commission Bylaws**

*Motion by L. Maurer and supported by J. Southworth to table adopting any bylaws till all board members are present. The board requests a copy of the bylaws for the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Downton Development Association and the Board of Trustees to review.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**DISCUSSION:**

**Recreational Marijuana**

J. Southworth – It should only be in Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, B4 and B5 zones.

K. Cole – We should mirror the Medical Marijuana as close as possible.

L. Maurer – It should be classified as Marijuana only and not specified as Medical or Recreational.

K. Cole – Ordinances we have now for Medical Marijuana should be the same for Recreational or as close as we can get them according to state law.

S. Stowe – If you don't mirror the Recreational to the current Medical Marijuana it will cause problems with how you proceed because you will have the medical coming back and asking how can it be one way for Recreational and not for Medical. Need to mirror the state laws as much as possible. You can do more than state law but if less than state law than you will open the door to problems and you may need state approval. You can expand on the existing footprint but not less than.

J. Spencer – Do we need to revisit the distance from residential. Thought in the beginning that the 2640 ft was enough for Schools and 1000 feet for churches and daycares but now think we should have or perhaps going forward should include Residential homes. Not sure about distance for residential. Is somewhere between 1000 and 2640 feet sufficient for residential?

L. Maurer – Only want it to be in Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, B4 & B5 zones.

K. Cole & J. Spencer – This is what exist today. Only currently exists in HI, LI, B4 & B5.

<b>Public Comment:</b>	<b>Open at</b>	<b>7:20 pm.</b>
	<b>Closed at</b>	<b>7:24 pm.</b>

*Motion by K. Cole, supported by J. Southworth to adjourn the meeting.*

**Motion adopted by voice vote.**

**Adjourn 7:27 pm.**

**Next meeting: October 2, 2019**