

MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION
August 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Mark Moore at 7:05 p.m. at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street.

Members present: Chairman Mark Moore, Amy Flores, Matthew Krummick, Walter Oakley, Richard Pyter, and Kurt Schultz.

Members absent: Eric Steffe.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development; David Smith, Senior Planner; and Chris Sandine, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Pyter moved, seconded by Commissioner Krummick, to approve the July 8, 2019, Plan Commission meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PC 19-14 Village of Libertyville, Applicant

Request is for a Text Amendment to the Libertyville Zoning Code relating to the crop production and sale of marijuana.

Chairman Mark Moore, stated that the only matter on the agenda for this evening is PC 19-14, which is a request for text amendment to the Libertyville Zoning Code relating to the crop production and sale of marijuana.

Chairman Moore stated that on June 25, 2019, Governor Pritzker signed Public Act 101-0027, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (the "Act"). The Act legalizes private consumption and possession of cannabis for Illinois residents over 21 years of age. He stated that the State has decided that the possession and consumption in private homes will be legal. He stated that the purpose of the Plan Commission public hearing for tonight is to decide whether the sale and production of marijuana should be permitted or prohibited in the Village of Libertyville and if it becomes permitted then the question will become where it will be allowed in the Village.

Chairman Moore stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to not discuss whether marijuana is good or bad. He stated that they are not here to discuss whether or not marijuana is an introductory or gateway drug or whether or not it should be legal.

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Chairman Moore stated that as a result of the Cannabis Regulation Act it is anticipated that enforcement costs will be impacted whether the propose use is permitted or prohibited. He stated that the sale of cannabis would provide a tax revenue source for the Village. He stated that the meeting tonight is to provide the public an opportunity to speak on the matter of whether or not marijuana should be sold or grown in the Village of Libertyville. He stated that all of the issues related to the discussion will be considered for a text amendment to the Zoning Code. He stated that they will limit testimony from the public to five (5) minutes each.

Chairman Moore stated that public input will be important for the Plan Commission as it deliberates and formulates its recommendation to the Village Board. He stated that the ultimate decision will be made at the Village Board level. He stated that he anticipates that after testimony is given and the Plan Commission deliberates that the public hearing on this matter will then be continued to the September 23, 2019, Plan Commission meeting date for further discussion.

Mr. David Pardys, Village Attorney, stated that the new State law which goes into effect on January 1, 2020, creates and provides for the state licensure and regulation of a variety of adult-use cannabis business establishments subject to certain local municipal control. He stated that the new law provides the legalization of medical cannabis and includes a provision allowing “home grow” of cannabis by medical cannabis program participants. He stated that the Act defines Cannabis Business Establishments as including: cultivation centers, craft growers, processing organizations, dispensing organizations, or transporting organizations.

Mr. Pardys stated that Section 55-25 of the Act grants authority to local municipalities to adopt ordinances to prohibit and regulate the location of cannabis business establishments, as well as regulating the time, place, number, and manner of operation of cannabis business establishments and to regulate on-premises consumption of cannabis in a Cannabis Business Establishment. Finally, the Act authorizes municipalities to impose a 3.5% tax on the sale of cannabis.

Mr. Pardys stated that at its meeting on July 23, 2019, the Village Board adopted a resolution directing the Plan Commission to conduct public hearings and to evaluate the classification of Cannabis Business Establishments and to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to whether any, some, or all types of Cannabis Business Establishments should be allowed as either permitted or specially permitted uses under the Zoning Code.

Mr. Pardys stated that the Village Board has directed the Plan Commission to address the following questions during the course of their public hearings on this matter:

- A. Whether all or some Cannabis Businesses should be prohibited in the Village;
- B. If allowed in the Village, what zoning districts should Cannabis Businesses be allowed to operate in;
- C. If allowed in a particular zoning district, should Cannabis Businesses be classified as a permitted or special use;
- D. What specific operating conditions should be applied to Cannabis Businesses as a condition of receiving a special use; and

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E. Whether, and under what conditions, should on-premises consumption of recreational cannabis be allowed.

Mr. Pardys stated that all of these issues will ultimately be considered in connection with proposed amendments to the Libertyville Zoning Code.

Ms. Margaret McCarthy, 173 Acorn Lane, stated that in the words of a famous First Lady, ‘just say no’. She stated that she does not support the sale or production of cannabis in the Village of Libertyville.

Ms. Ellen Coury, 933 Sandstone Drive, stated that she has three children and that she opposes the sale or production of cannabis in the Village of Libertyville.

Mr. Kyle Cashman, 125 N. Fourth Street, stated that as fiscally-minded person it would be a detriment to the Village if the door was not open to at least discussing the idea of allowing either the sale or production of cannabis in the Village of Libertyville. He stated that the tax revenue from cannabis sales could be a beneficial revenue source for the Village. He stated that the State of Illinois has already made a decision on the morality implications. He stated that any individual has the prerogative to having their own moral objection to cannabis legalization. He stated that he has been a resident in the Village of Libertyville for 32 years and is a third generation Libertyville resident. He stated that we should be open to the conversation on this matter.

Ms. Bonnie Quirk, 338 Brainerd Avenue, stated that she is strongly opposed to allowing the dispensing of marijuana within the Village of Libertyville. She stated that the Village needs to preserve a safe zone for the community’s children. She stated that she understands that there would be additional tax revenue, but the Village and our children need to come first.

Ms. Patricia Oswald, 1110 Avalon Lane, stated that the Village of Libertyville is like Mayberry. Her son walks up and down Milwaukee Avenue and she doesn’t worry about him. She stated that if the Village allows a cannabis dispensary then she will worry about her son. She stated that it is not worth the tax revenue. She stated that she is a cancer survivor so she understands that there may be medicinal reasons to consume cannabis and be sold out of a Walgreens which may be merited however she stated that the Village does not need to allow the production or the retail sales of recreation cannabis.

Mr. John Rogers Scott, 520 W. Austin Avenue, stated that the Village is already very fiscally responsible and that the Village does not need the tax revenue from cannabis sales. He stated that the State needs income from marijuana and that is why they passed the new Cannabis Act. He stated that both of the State representatives voted no to the passage of the Act. He stated that praise should be given to both past and present Village Board members for the success of their fiscal responsibility. He stated that in response to the reading of the options from Mr. Pardys, he recommended that the board should choose option ‘A’.

Mr. Randy Thompson, 808 Arthur Avenue, stated that his wife has Parkinson’s disease and both he and she uses marijuana. He stated that it would make things easier to have a dispensary closer

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to their residence as they currently drive over to Mundelein to the medical cannabis dispensary to purchase their medical cannabis. He stated that there are many people afflicted with a variety of illnesses or diseases that benefit from the use of marijuana. He stated that he would like to see something here in Libertyville that is similar to what they have in Mundelein.

Ms. Liz Keppler, 2410 Steeplechase Court, stated that she does not have an opinion either way, but is attempting to learn more. She stated that she read an article in the Patch periodical that discussed the 20 pharmacies within a five mile radius of the Village of Libertyville that stocked opioids. She stated that she has a concern about the opioid crises.

Mr. Robert Benson, 521 Dymond Road, stated that even if cannabis is prohibited in Libertyville people will still go to Mundelein for cannabis. He stated that consideration should be given to the tax revenue benefit that permitting cannabis in the Village. He stated that Mundelein made \$177,000 from gambling. He stated that he questions the amount of restaurant tax revenue that the Village of Libertyville has made. He stated that morality cannot be legislated. He questioned how much revenue traffic light cameras have generated.

Ms. Anne Coburn, 1122 Loyola Drive, stated that she is against permitting cannabis in Libertyville. She stated that most people hate the tobacco companies now, but did not understand the health implications when they first came out. She stated that we hate the opioid companies now, but did not understand the health implications when they first came out. She stated that we hate the vaping and e-cigarettes now, but did not understand the health implications when they first came out. She stated that we do not fully understand the impact that marijuana will have on us now. She stated that the Village should wait and see what the implications will be before consideration is given to any kind of approval.

Mr. Corey Grupe, 309 Alexandria Road, Vernon Hills, stated that he will speak on behalf of his father who is a Libertyville resident. He stated that some years ago his aunt had stage four cancer. He stated that opioids did not help his aunt with the pain so she tried edibles with cannabis obtained from Colorado. He stated that after trying an edible she got the best sleep she had in five years while having cancer. He stated that his father has Parkinson's disease and cannabis helps to subdue the symptoms. He stated that he acknowledges that people fear for the safety of their children. He stated that he is looking to open a recreational cannabis dispensary. He stated that he grew up here and works in town and feels that he is a member of the community. He introduced his business partner Kenneth Boudreau to the Plan Commission and requested that Mr. Boudreau discuss security concerns as it relates to cannabis dispensaries.

Mr. Kenneth Boudreau, Frankfort, Illinois, stated that he is 30 year law enforcement veteran. He stated he also served for four years with the Drug Enforcement Agency. He stated that once cannabis becomes legal people will have the right to smoke it in the Village of Libertyville. He stated that the Village will have the ability to institute certain controls. He stated that even after it becomes legal up to 82% of marijuana will be available on the black market. He stated that they have established from seed to sale security and it is very rigidly controlled. He stated that anyone who walks into a recreational cannabis dispensary will not get served if they are underage. He stated that the state legislation recently passed was over 600 pages long and the administrative rules that are to follow are anticipated to be over 400 pages long. He stated that it

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is important to have a reputable business in Libertyville if dispensaries are permitted. He stated that their facilities are controlled and the product is tested.

Mr. Tim Lindsey, 715 Crane Boulevard, stated that he is asking that the Village Board ban recreational sales of marijuana in the Village. He stated that the State made a mistake by passing the legalization of marijuana especially since we are in the middle of an opioid epidemic.

Ms. Barbara Shafer, 315 Minear Drive, stated that this public hearing is important for health and safety of Libertyville's residents, for the perceived aesthetic of our Village, our financial future, as well as providing helpful background information for many Libertyville residents, whose voices remain largely silent.

Ms. Shafer stated that she is aware that public hearings, such as this one, benefit the forgotten men and women of Libertyville, whose schedules do not permit them to attend public hearings. She stated that she'd also like to thank the Developmental Review Committee for including that packet of information in their report, including the prior ordinance.

Ms. Shafer stated that she has been listening carefully to the pros and cons that have been outlined by proponents of cannabis dispensaries and those who are opposed to the same. She stated that she has been researching matters on her own as well. She stated that the Illinois Economic Policy Institute produced a document that taps the economic benefits of dispensaries, particularly to local municipalities. She stated that reasonable people can read this report and see that what the Village needs is a "Paul Harvey's rest of the story", to fully understand the impact of dispensaries in the Village. Ms. Shafer asked for clarification as to number of dispensaries the Village could qualify for.

Ms. Shafer stated that that the use of Seattle and Denver which are dispensary cities is questionable due to the bleak images of homeless littering the streets, day and night, with syringes and the need for fecal maps, to avoid stepping in it. She stated that no one wants that reality for Libertyville. She stated that a connection or correlation should be ruled out.

Ms. Shafer stated that her bottom line is that more time to study the impact is needed before considering approving even one dispensary for Libertyville, because these types of things don't happen in a vacuum.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to do it right the first time, since it's far easier to relax unnecessary boundaries than introduce new ones to existing businesses that we regret having permitted. She stated that more time is needed to understand what will happen to neighboring businesses and businesses Village-wide that are not dispensary related. She stated that she questions if the sales tax revenue would be great for Libertyville or not. She stated that it would be possible that the tax revenue generated from dispensaries is only replacing that which has left the Village, or whose customer base no longer feels comfortable in town.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to learn what really happens to home values, and we ought to consider more than just the pro-dispensary lobbyist's story on that.

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Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to find real answers that document what happens in a neighborhood where dispensaries are physically located and compare that to similar areas that don't have them, factoring out the real estate recovery from the sub-prime mortgage crisis from 2012 that coincided with the first legalization efforts. She stated that Libertyville is a property tax dependent community, with property taxes accounting for about 10% or so of the Village budget.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to assess whether a dispensary invites prior sellers to undercut the regulated business to keep their black market business going, and to do it even more in our community, or for re-sellers to sell it to underage individuals and all the law enforcement concerns that go along with that.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to look at our zoning in the same way we did with medical marijuana, and protect vulnerable areas that were outlined in the report, such as schools and nursing homes - protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

Ms. Shafer stated that the projected transit-oriented community should be factored into the study, because people taking the train from other communities, if it's within walking distance of the train, could be inviting a whole host of problems.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to assess whether a neighboring Village, such as Mundelein, is going to cause the exact same problems for Libertyville, without the financial upside. She stated that she is concerned about what will be required to overcome potential problems caused from Mundelein.

Ms. Shafer stated that more time is needed to see what a changed aesthetic means demographically, what will happen to our school's test scores, home values and school funding, since 72% of our property taxes currently pay for schools.

Ms. Shafer stated that she does not want to paint a "doom and gloom" picture, but if we're to make a level-headed decision about this, we must remember that it's not an isolated thing that doesn't impact other areas, but it has tentacles that reach far and wide into many other areas of Village life, meaning that "Mayberry" feeling.

Mr. Lance Schart, 422 Catalpa Lane, stated that the tax revenue from marijuana sales will provide very little financial gain for the Village. He stated that if this were to be approved that it is important for these dispensaries to stay out of the downtown area and far away from schools.

Mr. Ted Hanagan, 156 W. Austin Avenue, stated that there appears to be a trend of people leaving the State of Illinois due to not liking the direction that the Governor is taking. He stated that to allow marijuana dispensaries in Libertyville will hurt the reputation of Libertyville.

Ms. Stacey Stutzman, 1242 Deer Trail Lane, stated that she has lived in Libertyville for over 38 years. She stated that she is a retired attorney. She stated that she does not understand the morality concerns and supports the opportunity to generate additional tax revenue for the Village. She stated that the recreational use of marijuana is not any worse than going to the

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Island Tap drinking establishment and drinking a few beers. She stated that she hasn't heard any substantiated facts that support whether marijuana is unsafe or a bad idea. She stated that she and her husband have no plans to move out of the State of Illinois. She stated that she supports having regulated dispensaries.

Mr. John Cihok, 611 S. Dymond Road, stated that he supports having a dispensary in Libertyville. He stated that he does not believe that Libertyville will be stigmatized by having legal recreational marijuana sales in the Village. He stated that the State of Illinois is behind other states. He stated that we don't have to wait and see, we can make observations of other states. He stated that he believes that kids aren't smoking marijuana anymore. He stated that he supports allowing people to do what they want in their own home. He stated that he does not support having dispensaries or smoking outside along Milwaukee Avenue in the downtown of Libertyville. He stated that Mayberry has a lot of secrets. He stated that medical marijuana has many benefits for a variety of health ailments.

Mr. John Durning, 133 Sunnyside Place, stated that he owns a couple businesses along Main Street in Libertyville. He stated that he felt, except for reasons brought-up by the previous presenter, that everyone is saying they shouldn't allow recreational cannabis because of moral reasons. Mr. Durning then posed the question: "How many businesses are in town that we don't know what they do, or agree with morally, but they exist, whether in an industrial park, or an office building?" He stated that they drive past these places every day, but that he can deal with it because they are out of the way.

Mr. Durning stated that recreational marijuana facilities could be allowed, but that they should only be allowed in places away from main public thoroughfares, yet can still "benefit the people who want to use it". He stated that he has seen dispensaries in industrial parks work because they still have an armed guard on the outside of the store, scanning identification cards. He stated that the idea of an underage individual somehow slipping past a guard to get inside and purchase cannabis should not be a concern.

Mr. Durning then explained that there are other drugs out there and kids can get them, whether it is from neighbors or parents or taking them from medicine cabinets at home. He stated that with the focus on marijuana, people have their eyes closed to this reality. He stated that people who are proponents of recreational use should listen and respect those people who are against the facilities in the Village. He stated that there is a fiscal conversation to have though. "I think that if regulated correctly, if placed in the right location, if handled correctly by police, I fully have confidence in our community to pull that off." He stated if the dispensaries were a reality and placed maybe in a couple industrial parks, the only way citizens would notice them is the plus in the revenue report.

Mr. Durning stated that the highly regulated alcohol industry could be compared to that of the cannabis industry. He stated that he cannot think of any medical benefit alcohol has and yet there are tons of them in Libertyville. He stated that there are social pros and cons for both alcohol and cannabis, but that there are some medical benefits that marijuana provides patients, and that he would not think it wise to shut the door on it yet.

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Mr. Boudreau stated that there are only 49 licenses available for a 9 county area which includes Cook County. He stated that he believes that Libertyville will not be able to have 3 dispensaries.

Ms. Kristen Michelotti, 1107 Wellington Avenue, stated that she supports the legalization of safe recreational marijuana sales in Libertyville the same way she supports the safe sale of alcohol in Libertyville.

Ms. Mary Slight, 608 Innsbruck Court, stated that she is against the sale of cannabis in Libertyville and thinks everyone needs to take more time to think about legalizing it after what she has seen in Colorado. She stated that she thinks the Village would be taking in the supposed revenue from the sale of marijuana, but with other expenses as well. She stated that highway tolls were supposed to pay for themselves and other projects, but that we are still paying tolls.

Ms. Slight stated that she has worked in hospice and addressed the fact that marijuana has medical uses, but that this isn't for medical use, it is recreational use. She stated that people have been proposing the dispensary in many different places in town and that it would not be that far away to go get their marijuana in Mundelein.

Ms. Slight stated that people buy with their emotions and that she is unsure about what a dispensary will do to home values. She stated that with cannabis legalization being so new that it is hard for anyone to say with certainty and that she is not willing to take that risk. She stated that it may end up hurting many residents' pocketbooks if it does end up bringing down home values.

Ms. Sara Carey, 603 Paradise Lane, stated that she has lived in Libertyville for five years. She stated that her family has lived in multiple places and that Libertyville is the longest they have lived in any place. She stated that they are proud to call Libertyville their home. She stated that she is okay with the option of medical marijuana. She stated that she works for a company that is based in Denver, Colorado and that she has to travel to Denver periodically on business. She stated that she has noted a change in Denver. She stated that from her conversations with people in Denver she has learned that their opinion is that they did it wrong. She stated that in Denver the zoning was wrong, the controls created were wrong, and from her observation the downtown seems to have deteriorated. She stated that she is against having a recreational dispensary in Libertyville.

Mr. Kyle Cashman asked the audience in the room who was around in the 1970's. He then asked if they remembered Cook Park back then. He then told a quick story about how his father got caught smoking there and got punished for it because the culture was different and that marijuana was unregulated. Mr. Cashman then explained that the current legislation does not allow people to "walk around town, willy-nilly, and smoke a cigarette, smoke a vape pen, smoke a joint, or whatever it might be."

Mr. Cashman stated that he found it humorous that people are trying to shut down the idea of dispensaries completely, because he has seen it around since he was a teenager working at local places, and he does not think it is going anywhere. He suggested that it would be better to see what they could do to go in and control the situation.

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Mr. Cashman stated that there was a time where he stayed in a non-smoking hotel near a dispensary in Reno, Nevada, and he did not smell cannabis even once. He stated that he does not smoke marijuana himself, but does not understand why people would want to shut down all conversation even when the revenue gained could help the Village budget and even create funds for the outreach programs that they have. He stated that it is about the options that this creates and that it will not be a “doomsday” scenario.

Mr. Cashman stated that Mundelein’s medical dispensary already has first dibs on the licenses the State will be handing out. He asked that the Village should act now so that Libertyville could get in on the opportunity for this extra revenue. He stated he didn’t want a short-sighted solution.

Ms. Lisa Hanagan, 156 W. Austin Avenue, stated that her children all grew up in the house they currently live in, that she loves Libertyville, and that she is “firmly against a recreational dispensary in town”.

Ms. Hanagan stated that she received a letter from the principal of Libertyville High School concerning parents giving alcohol to minors. She stated that it would be no different concerning marijuana. She stated that having a dispensary in the town would make it easier for individuals over the age of 21 to buy marijuana, bring it back to their homes, and somehow fall into the hands of underage people, despite the regulations that would be in place.

Ms. Hanagan stated that she was concerned about the other effects that could be brought on by a dispensary in town. She stated she was not willing to possibly sacrifice what it is like to live in Libertyville for a few extra dollars.

Ms. Luisa Benson, 521 S. Dymond Road, stated that her brother graduated from high school in 1976, moved to Denver, Colorado and never came back. She stated that although Denver has gone down the tubes in the last 10 years, there are dispensaries in multiple communities outside of Denver throughout Colorado that are all beautiful communities.

Mr. Ryan Curry, 158 Newberry Avenue, stated that if the decision is to prohibit marijuana then he would want the prohibition to make sense. He stated that if it will be available in Mundelein which is less than a five minute drive from Libertyville, then it may not make sense to prohibit it in Libertyville. He stated that he would like to see the benefits of the tax revenue.

Mr. Michael Scholler, 642 Sunnyside Avenue, stated that he believes that people should have the right to do what they want to do in their own homes. He stated that marijuana has some great medical benefits to it. He stated that he questions what the amount of tax revenue will be generated from the recreational cannabis dispensaries. He stated that he hoped that the Village would not have more than one dispensary if this gets approved. He stated that he would rather pay more taxes than to allow recreational marijuana in the Village to make up for the lost tax revenue the Village would otherwise receive. He stated that he believes that there would be a substantial cost associated with enforcement as it relates to the impact anticipated with allowing recreational marijuana. He stated that he would support a medical dispensary in an industrial park. He stated that he does not want to see a dispensary in the downtown of Libertyville. He stated that he does not want people smoking it in restaurants. He stated that he just came back

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from a trip in Canada where the cannabis laws are less restrictive. He stated that to allow it here would create a slippery slope that should be avoided. He stated that the anticipated tax revenue data should be studied before approving this.

Mr. Ben Lovinger, 512 E. Sunnyside Avenue, stated that he graduated from the University of Denver in 2006. He stated that he lived in Denver before marijuana was legalized in Colorado. He stated that marijuana was very accessible. He stated that it would be naïve to think that marijuana isn't prevalent in the Libertyville community. He stated that there are worse problems with the opioid issue. He stated that he understands that it will cost \$40 million dollars to mitigate the Village's flooding problems. He stated that if the Village needs the revenue then consideration could be given to allowing a grow facility in the Village. He stated that more than one dispensary is not necessary.

Mr. Brian Coninx, 300 E. Church Street, stated that he is concerned about the approval process with the Plan Commission. He stated that consideration should be given to making this type of land use a special permitted use if it is approved anywhere in the Village.

Commissioner Oakley stated that it is important to ask questions. He stated that the tax revenue may not be the most important element to this issue.

Commissioner Flores stated that there still many unknowns. She stated that there are many Colorado suburbs that will not allow recreational marijuana.

Commissioner Schultz stated that he would like to see hard data on the potential tax revenue question. He asked Mr. Grupe if he would be willing to open a medical marijuana establishment in lieu of a recreational marijuana establishment. Mr. Grupe stated that his intent is to operate recreational dispensaries.

Commissioner Schultz stated that he would like to see additional data regarding the existing number of medical dispensaries are operating in Lake County. He stated he would like to learn more about the law enforcement aspect. He stated that he would be concerned about how allowing the recreational dispensaries in the Village might affect the Village's image.

Chairman Moore stated that the Village Board charged the Plan Commission to consider

- A. Whether all or some Cannabis Businesses should be prohibited in the Village;
- B. If allowed in the Village, what zoning districts should Cannabis Businesses be allowed to operate in;
- C. If allowed in a particular zoning district, should Cannabis Businesses be classified as a permitted or special permitted use;
- D. What specific operating conditions should be applied to Cannabis Businesses as a condition of receiving a special use; and
- E. Whether, and under what conditions, should on-premises consumption of recreational cannabis be allowed.

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Commissioner Krummick stated that it is important for the residents to be involved in the process. He stated that he counted 29 residents who made comments tonight so far. He stated that he recognizes that there already is in place an ordinance that regulates medical cannabis in Libertyville.

Commissioner Pyter stated that he is sitting on the fence on this issue. He stated that the show of hands in the audience appeared to be balanced between the yes's and the no's. He stated that the branding of the Village should be taken into consideration. He stated that he would like more information as to how the black market will affect the community whether the Village adopts an ordinance to regulate recreational cannabis or not. He stated that he would like more information on the cost of enforcement and traffic issues.

Chairman Moore stated this case will be continued to September 23, 2019, and in the meantime there will be some additional research provided by Village Staff on the matter. He stated that the public testimony given on the benefits of recreational cannabis in the Village were two-fold. He stated that one benefit as perceived by the public is medicinal. He stated that we currently have an ordinance in place that regulates medical marijuana. He stated that the second benefit as perceived by the public is the potential for additional tax revenue for the Village. He stated that testimony provided by the public tonight conveys both that it is worth it and others that say it is not worth it. Chairman Moore stated that he believes that it is not worth it and would not support recreational cannabis in the community solely for the revenue potential.

Chairman Moore stated if the Village were to give consideration to recreational marijuana then consideration to aligning it with the medical marijuana ordinance could be given in terms of the zoning regulations including a special use permit requirement and similar operating conditions as medical marijuana. He stated that he would not support any allowance for on-premises consumption, but what people do in their own homes would be up to them.

In the matter of PC 19-14, Commissioner Pyter moved, seconded by Commissioner Krummick, to continue this item to the September 23, 2019, Plan Commission meeting.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Ayes: Moore, Flores, Krummick, Oakley, Pyter, Schultz
Nays: None
Absent: Steffe

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Krummick moved, seconded by Commissioner Pyter, to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.