MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZONING PLANNING & APPEALS COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00P.M. ON MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2013
IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN,
26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Krusinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioners Busscher, Hirsch, Leonard, Meluso, Miller, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski
Absent: None

Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Also present: Commission secretary, Cathy Nelson, Village Administrator Bob Irvin and Village Attorney Gregory T. Smith of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2013

It was moved by Commissioner Busscher seconded by Commissioner Pickell to approve the minutes from April 2, 2013 with the addition of Exhibit 1: Memorandum from Gregory T. Smith, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins regarding Case No. 13-TA-2 Cannabis Cultivation Centers and Dispensaries and place them on file.

The Following voted:
Aye: All
Nay: None
Commissioner Krusinski declared the motion carried.

Chairman Krusinski gave opening remarks regarding the purpose and work of the Zoning, Planning and Appeal Commission

IV: CALL OF CASES:
PUBLIC HEARING: CASE NO. 13-TA-2: Medical Cannabis Text Amendments

Chairman Krusinski called the Public Hearing on Case No. 13-TA-1 to order at 7:09 P.M.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following were:

Present: Commissioners Busscher, Hirsch, Leonard, Meluso, Miller, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski
Absent: None
Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Verbatim minutes of the Public Hearing have been taken by Cheryl Sandecki of Cynthia A. Pavesich & Associates, certified court reporters of Chicago, Illinois, a transcription of which shall be placed on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Chairman Krusinski made opening remarks stating that the Case arises from an application filed by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa and seeks findings of fact and recommendation on text amendments related to the cultivation and dispensing of medical cannabis.

Chairman Krusinski stated for the record that notice of the hearing on Case No. 13-TA-2 was published in the Daily Herald on September 20, 2013, in the manner required by law. The Secretary has the newspaper’s certificate of publication which is admitted as the Commission’s Exhibit No. 1.

No one in the audience filed as an objector and no one wished to testify.

Chairman Krusinski then asked Attorney Smith and Village Administrator Irvin to present their case on behalf of the Applicant.

Attorney Smith presented background on the application and the State law behind it and Administrator Irvin presented a map of the areas in the Village inside which centers were allowed by law and discussion ensued. Map has been entered as Exhibit #2.

At 7:35 pm, with no further questions to be asked by the Commissioners or public, Chairman Krusinski declared the Public Hearing closed.

V. DELIBERATION AND RECOMMENDATION:

After brief deliberation, it was moved by Commissioner Pickell, seconded by Commissioner Meluso approve a recommendation to the Village Board that a text amendment to the Village Code allowing cultivation and dispensary centers in the O/R district as a Special Use Permit.

Upon a call of the Roll, the following voted:

Aye: Commissioners Busscher, irsch, Leonard, Meluso, Miller, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski.
Nay: None.

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried.
It was then moved by Commissioner Meluso, seconded by Commissioner Pickell to authorize the Chair to draft, sign and forward to the President and Board of Trustees a Report of the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission containing Findings of Fact and their Recommendation regarding Case No. 13-TA-2

Upon a call of the roll, the following voted:
Aye: Commissioners Busscher, Hirsch, Leonard, Meluso, Miller, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski
Nay: None

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications

VII. REVIEW OF REPORTS OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES: None Presented

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: There is no old business to be discussed

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Busscher, seconded by Commissioner Meluso that the meeting be adjourned.

With unanimous consent, Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Cathy Nelson, Secretary