

**ZONING, PLATTING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ZPAC)
September 3, 2019 – Meeting Minutes**

Senior Planner Chairman Matt Asselmeier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present:

Megan Andrews – Soil and Water Conservation District
Matt Asselmeier – PBZ Department
David Guritz – Forest Preserve
Fran Klaas – Highway Department
Commander Jason Langston – Sheriff’s Department
Aaron Rybski – Health Department

Absent:

Meagan Briganti – GIS
Greg Chismark – WBK Engineering, LLC
Brian Holdiman – PBZ Department
Matthew Prochaska – PBZ Committee Chair

Audience:

None

AGENDA

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, to approve the July 2, 2019, meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Petition 19-31 Kendall County Planning Building and Zoning Committee

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Mr. Asselmeier noted that the intent of the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee was to have recreational and medical cannabis uses to have similar zoning requirements. In addition, this proposal only regulated the areas unique to County regulations; the proposal did not include restrictions already contained in State law.

On June 25, 2019, the Governor signed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (Public Act 101-027). This Act legalized certain recreational cannabis uses and allowed County to enact reasonable zoning regulations related to these uses.

On August 9, 2019, the Governor signed an Act related to Banking-Cannabis Businesses (Public Act 101-363). Among other actions, this Act amended the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act by removing the expiration deadline of medical cannabis related uses and changing the location where medical cannabis dispensary may locate.

On August 26, 2019, the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee voted to initiate text amendments to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance pertaining to medical and recreational cannabis uses. The Committee wanted medical cannabis related use to be regulated similarly as recreational cannabis uses from a zoning perspective. The Committee also wanted to have these regulations in place by January 1, 2020.

In summary the changes were as follows:

1. The previously adopted zoning regulations for medical cannabis uses are repealed in their entirety.
2. Definitions of Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishment, Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower, Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Center, Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organization or Infuser, Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organization or Processor, Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organization or Transporter, Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center or Cultivation Center, and Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organization or Dispensing Organization or Dispensary were added to the Zoning

Ordinance. These definitions come from the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

3. Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Growers are proposed to be special uses in the A-1, M-1, M-2 Zoning Districts. They are to be at minimum one thousand feet (1,000') from the property lines of pre-existing public or private nursery schools, preschools, primary or secondary schools, day care centers, day care homes, residential care homes, pre-existing properties zoned or used for residential purposes, pre-existing forest preserves, public parks, and places of worship. This distance requirement is the same distance requirement for outdoor shooting ranges.
4. Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Centers and Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers are proposed to be special uses in the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts and will be minimum two thousand five hundred feet (2,500') from the protected uses listed in number 3 previously. Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers are currently special uses in the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts. The distance requirement was set by the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
5. Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organizations and Medical Dispensing Organizations are proposed to be special use in the B-3, M-1, and M-2 Zoning Districts and will be at least one thousand feet (1,000') from the uses listed in number 3 previously except pre-existing properties used or zoned residentially. They can be at minimum two hundred fifty feet (250') from residentially used or zoned property. Public Act 101-363 removed the distance requirements for Medical Dispensing Organizations. Onsite consumption of cannabis by the public is not allowed. Hours of operation will be from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
6. Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organizations are proposed to be special use in the B-3, M-1, and M-2 Zoning Districts and will be at least one thousand five hundred feet (1,500') from the uses listed in number 3 previously except pre-existing properties used or zoned residentially. They can be at minimum two hundred fifty feet (250') from residentially used or zoned property.
7. Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organizations are proposed to be special use in the B-3, M-1, and M-2 Zoning Districts and will be at least one thousand five hundred feet (1,500') from the uses listed in number 3 previously except pre-existing properties used or zoned residentially. They can be at minimum two hundred fifty feet (250') from residentially used or zoned property.
8. Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organizations are proposed to be special use in the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts and will be at least one thousand five hundred feet (1,500') from the uses listed in number 3 previously except pre-existing properties used or zoned residentially. They can be at minimum two hundred fifty feet (250') from residentially used or zoned property. They can only transport cannabis unless allowed by the special use permit.
9. The proposal updates Appendix 9 to reflect the addition of cannabis related uses and correct citation errors caused by adding these uses to the Zoning Ordinance.

Maps showing the potential location of cannabis uses were provided.

The zoning related proposal is separate from the County's consideration of opting out of allowing recreational cannabis uses.

Commander Langston asked why some of the uses would be special uses in the B-3. Mr. Asselmeier responded that some Committee members felt some of the cannabis related uses should be in more trafficked areas.

Mr. Klaas expressed concerns about the negative impacts of the legalization of marijuana. He noted that marijuana is still illegal at the federal level. He noted that the federal government recognizes the potential exists for drug abuse with marijuana. He worried about the desensitizing impacts of drug use on kids. He expressed concerns regarding the ability of law enforcement entities to recognize people that are high or drunk. He did not want to be a party to any type of regulation or legalization of cannabis.

Commander Langston expressed his concerns regarding allowing cannabis uses in the B-3 District because it bolsters desensitization. He felt that the black market will thrive. He wanted to see clear description of security systems and security plans (the plans, how the plans are monitored, system backups, and structural requirements).

Discussion occurred regarding the County Board opting-out and the impacts of opting-out on the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Rybski noted that Dr. Tokars will be attending a future meeting on this topic.

Mr. Guritz noted that legalization could mean people consuming marijuana in the forest preserves and additional interesting behavior. Marijuana was still a noxious weed per State law.

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Commander Langston, to issue a neutral recommendation with a request that the proposal be amended to remove cannabis uses from the B-3 District and to add surveillance, security, and security related structural requirements to the proposed text amendment.

Ayes (5): Andrews, Asselmeier, Guritz, Langston, and Rybski
Nays (1): Klaas
Present (0): None
Absent (4): Briganti, Chismark, Holdiman, and Prochaska

The motion passed. There will be a special Planning, Building and Zoning Committee meeting on this topic on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The proposal will go to the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on September 25, 2019.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 18-04, pertaining to changes to the Future Land Use Map in Lisbon Township was rejected by the County Board.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 18-24, pertaining to the Flisk Special Use Permit Amendment at 17 Ashe Road was approved by the County Board.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 19-12, pertaining to a special use permit for a banquet center at 10978 Crimmin Road was approved by the County Board.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 19-25, pertaining to renewing a special use permit for a billboard at 34 and Hafenrichter was approved by the County Board.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The ZPAC, at 9:40 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner