



**VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA  
LICENSE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
101 N. MAIN STREET - WAUCONDA, IL**

**AUGUST 19, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Morino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

<b><u>Committee Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Trustee Rich Morino, Chair	X	
Trustee Tim Howe, Deputy Chair	X	
Trustee Tom Shaw	X	

**Also in Attendance:**

Trustee Chuck Black, Trustee Jeff Sode, Mayor Lincoln Knight, Village Attorney Rudy Magna, Village Administrator Kevin Timony, Chief of Police Dave Wermes, Director of Community Development Greg Anderson

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting were approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Buchanan of 155 E. Mill Street, Unit #3 provided public comment on allowing the sale of adult use cannabis in the Village of Wauconda. Ms. Buchanan stated that she is a current medical cannabis patient and provided her support for allowing adult use cannabis dispensaries within the Village.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act

Chairman Morino began the discussion by providing a background on the new Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Village Administrator Timony referred the Committee to his written memo which provided an implementation timeline for the adult use cannabis

business licensing through the State. Village Attorney Magna provided the Committee with an overview of the decisions available to local municipalities as it relates to the new law. He advised that if the Village wishes to allow for the sale of adult use cannabis in the Village that the Village should amend the current Zoning Ordinance and affiliated use table to add the various adult use cannabis business categories.

The Committee listened to comments from prospective adult use cannabis dispensary owner Corey Grupe representing All Good, LLC. Mr. Grupe provided the Committee with an overview of the State licensing process for adult use cannabis dispensaries. He also provided the Committee with an overview of the various security parameters that go into dispensaries as well as the forecasted sales for these establishments. The Committee discussed the potential revenue opportunities with allowing adult use cannabis dispensaries in Wauconda and the Village's potential position in the cannabis marketplace.

Police Chief Wermes provided the Committee with his perspective on the new law. He stated that the new law raises concerns about traffic enforcement, specifically driving while impaired. He also expressed concerns with the higher potency levels of some of the new products. He stated that these are issues that will impact Wauconda regardless of whether or not the Village decides to allow the sale of adult use cannabis. He also recommended that if the Village were to allow for the sale of adult use cannabis that it prohibit the on premise consumption of these products.

The Committee discussed the timing of drafting and implementing new zoning and regulations in relation to the State licensing process. Mayor Knight commented that any timeline should be sensitive to the necessary public hearing requirements as well as the staff time needed to perform research and draft the new zoning and regulatory changes. The Committee discussed the option of placing a temporary moratorium on adult use cannabis sales to afford more time to draft zoning and regulatory parameters.

After further discussion, Chair Morino requested that the Committee continue discussion on this topic at the next available committee meeting. He also requested that staff prepare maps that depict the various distances from schools, churches, and parks for considering distance limitations as part of possible additional regulations. Village Attorney Magna advised that if the Committee is considering allowing for the sale of adult use cannabis in the Village that it look into options for placing a short-term hold on new businesses in order to allow for ample time to implement the necessary zoning and other regulatory parameters.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.