



**PLANNING COMMISSION
2020 Annual Report**

TO: Mayor Balice and Councilmembers
FROM: Chairman Hoppough and Planning Commissioners
DATE: March 1, 2021
RE: 2020 Planning Commission Annual Report

My fellow planning commissioners and I are pleased to provide City Council a report of our activities for calendar year 2020. This report is submitted pursuant to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act and Section 1202.05 of the Ionia Code of Ordinances.

The Planning Commission met on January 8, February 12, March 11, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 12, and December 9, and completed action on a variety of matters, including the following:

Site Plan Reviews

- Approval was granted an updated site plan submitted by DVNK3, LLC for conversion of a building at 406 South Steele Street for use as a medical marihuana provisioning center.
- Approval was denied for a site plan submitted by PRW Ventures for conversion of a building located at 300 South Steele Street for use as a medical marihuana provisioning center.
- Approval was granted for a site plan submitted by Michigan Provisioning Center, LLC to operate a medical marihuana provisioning center at 420 South Steele Street.

Special Land Use Permits

- Approval was denied for a special land use permit application submitted by PRW Ventures to operate a medical marihuana provisioning center at 300 South Steel Street.
- Approval was granted for a special land use permit application submitted by Michigan Provisioning Center, LLC to operate a medical marihuana provisioning center at 420 South Steele Street.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

- Following a public hearing, the Commission recommended to City Council the adoption of Ordinance No. 549 which established standards for granting special land use permits for the operation of adult use marihuana establishments.

Miscellaneous Matters

- The Commission recommended to the City Council that the resolution establishing medical marihuana provisioning center buffering requirements for City parks be amended to include two future parks – Wetland Park and Steele Park – proposed in the Steele Street Corridor Plan.

The Planning Commission expects to address a range of matters during calendar year 2021. These will include:

- Identifying a list of its preferred goals and actions related to implementation of the 2019 Master Plan;
- Processing special land use request applications and site plans submitted pursuant to the recently adopted adult use marihuana ordinance;
- Considering amendments to the zoning ordinance to permit dwellings on the first floor of buildings in the central business district; and
- Reviewing and discussing a residential target market analysis commissioned by former City Manager Jason Eppler.

2020 Planning Commission Members and Attendance

The Planning Commission held eight regular meetings and no special meetings during 2020.

MEMBER NAME	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Dave Cook, Secretary	6
Mike Donaldson	5
Boomer Hoppough, Chairperson	8
Tim Lee	7
Ted Paton, Vice Chairperson	4
Judy Swartz	7
Ryan Videtich	8