

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 8, 2021**

**4884 W. Curtis St.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Noel  
Arthur Brood  
Nate Beery  
Judy Wright  
Barb Hampton  
John Kane

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Also in attendance: Katie Murray.

Chairman Brood called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**MOTION #1:** by John Kane to approve the agenda with the addition of William Cassissi as new business, seconded by Judy Wright. Motion carried.

**MOTION #2:** by Kathy Noel, second by Nate Beery, to accept minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Second Last Chance:** William Cassissi brought before the board his business plan for a sports program in Kincheloe for troubled youth and recovering addicts. Cassissi is not currently asking for anything from the Township. As he lacks prior experience in starting a business, he came to the planning meeting first to ask for input on where he should get started in terms of finding office locations, places to create sports fields, etc.

Kathy Noel suggested he speak to the Recreation Committee about leasing a room in the Rec Center to act as an office while he gets his operation off the ground.

John Kane suggested speaking to Herman Calkins about lots of land that would be usable for creating baseball diamonds or other fields.

Barbara Hampton suggested that Cassissi come up with a more detailed plan, which includes both delineations of responsibility as well as clarity on what he's looking for from the Township itself.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

With Ordinance 1.101 finally completed and approved, the Planning Commission is free to move on to other ordinances.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinances:** The first ordinance to be looked at was Ordinance 3, the Kinross Township Liquor Control Ordinance adopted in 1960. There are various grammatical adjustments that can be made to this ordinance.

John Kane raises the issue that this ordinance may not actually be necessary, as it seems that everything included in the ordinance is already covered by state law. Closer examination suggests that there may have been a prior version of the ordinance, and this may only have been adopted as the Township did not yet have a police department.

Joe Micolo, Chief of the Kinross Police Department, was brought in to consult on the matter, having more familiarity with enforcement of the law. He informed the commission that he typically defers to state law when it comes to enforcement, but agrees that the ordinance could still have value for matters specific to Kinross Township.

It was determined that there would need to be further consultation of the Michigan Liquor Control Act before any decisions could be made regarding the necessity of this ordinance.

Ordinance 1.104 needs to have an effective date, but otherwise does not seem to require modification.

Ordinance 1.105 is also missing an effective date, and should have the dollar value of the fine included for ease of enforcement. Commissioners were unclear as to whether this ordinance is actually enforced, and determined that they would need to consult with Joe Micolo again at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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John Kane, Secretary

Minutes taken and typed by Katie Murray