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**MEETING OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
(THE PZC)**

*Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Beecher Village Hall  
625 Dixie Highway*

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2019 MEETING.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER BEECHER 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT. A motion is needed to open and close the public hearing. At the hearing, a full presentation will be made by Mike Hoffman and Pete Iouse of Teska Consultants followed by Q and A and the taking of public comments. Written comments will also be taken into the record.

V. CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD: ADOPTION OF THE BEECHER 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

VI. WORKSHOP: CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO BEECHER ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION AND CULTIVATION OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. The Village Board has referred the issue of recreational cannabis to the PZC to come up with the proper way to zone and regulate such establishments if one is proposed for Beecher. Municipalities have been given until January 1, 2020 to either prohibit, regulate or ignore the sale of cannabis. To ignore the issue means the community is unregulated pertaining to sales. The Village CANNOT prohibit the possession or use of cannabis; this is a right granted under state law. The only regulation we can enforce is the sale of the product; similar to liquor laws.

Enclosed is a draft zoning ordinance amendment first drafted by the Illinois Municipal League and then tweaked by the Village Attorney to fit our current ordinance. We treat these types of uses as special uses, similar to a beer garden where the Village can place additional stipulations on the permit to fit the needs of the specific site. The Village Board has also invited the PZC to attend its meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to hear from the attorney on this issue and discuss some direction. Maps have also been provided which show the boundaries or limits of the sale areas as proposed and more information is also provided for discussion.

VII. CONSIDER A MOTION HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. We can choose the date or wait until next month if we need more time to discuss the ordinance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM

The Village Administrator will not be here on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October or Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween. We have Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> which could work. We also have to meet on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> since our regular meeting is on November 28<sup>th</sup>; Thanksgiving. We will be discussing our upcoming meeting dates.