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**MEETING OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
(THE PZC)  
Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Beecher Village Hall  
625 Dixie Highway**

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE MEETING !!!! \*\*\***

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 MEETING.

IV. CONTINUED 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 Attorney also plans to attend our meeting to provide legal advice as to how to proceed.

If we decide to permit recreational sale, staff suggests *we prohibit the consumption of cannabis on premise*. This will prevent the creation of "cannabis cafe's" similar to a tavern. There is currently a provision in the proposed ordinance to allow this, but this may be something we want to discourage.

V. CONSIDER A MOTION HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. We have already penciled in Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> but we have to decide if this hearing should be moved to the Township Center if there is a great number of public which may want to attend and speak.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 AT 7PM