

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pro Tem Jean McConnell & Clare City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: August 31, 2017
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of September 5, 2017

Planning Commission Meeting. The City Planning Commission met in special session on August 23rd and unanimously approved a request for a façade change to the Stitches for Britches building on West Fourth Street in downtown Clare. The Commission is scheduled to consider three site plan proposals - Robotic Welded Parts for construction of a new 12Ksf industrial building at its existing site on E. Fourth Street; SharpCo for construction of new 10Ksf industrial building in the City's North Industrial Park; and FCI of Lansing for construction of a new 19Ksf building in the City's South Industrial Park for three medical marijuana facilities – and three medical marijuana special use permits (provisioning license, Class B grow license, and processing center license) applications of FCI. The Clare IDC has reviewed and recommended approval of all three site plans and two of the special use permit licenses. The IDC expressed its concerns with any commercial store front operation within the industrial park due to the potential high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic commercial enterprise may create. Consequently, the IDC recommended disapproval of the provisioning center license with the understanding that the Planning Commission is obliged to issue the permit if the applicant meets all the City's zoning and regulatory requirements; the IDC requests that the Planning Commission and City Commission review and reconsider the City's zoning codes in respect to allowing medical marijuana retail storefronts (provisioning centers) in industrial and industrial park zoning districts within the City.

Mitch Canal Medical Clearance. Mitch has received a medical clearance to return to work; the clearance stipulates a weight-lifting restriction. We are very pleased that he is able to rejoin us and look forward to seeing him on Tuesday – his first day back.

Project Updates. **W. Seventh Street** is complete except for asphalt. Paving will be accomplished at the same time that Beech Street and John R are paved. **John R. Street** sidewalks have been completed; water main replacement is scheduled to commence next week. **Beech Street** is completed except for asphalt and driveway approaches, which will be accomplished at the same time the other streets are paved. **Ann Arbor Trail** water main installation and pressure testing is completed; the new main is being chlorinated and will be tested next week; storm drain construction is completed. The project is ahead of schedule. **Airport Taxiway** construction is in progress and is scheduled to be completed by end-October. **Witbeck Drive** asphalt project (approx. 250') has been completed. **New Sports Complex** major construction (earth moving) is nearing completion; the fields are being prepared for seeding with the intent to see in mid-September; the sprinkler system needs to be installed and the water well needs to be operational prior to seeding, thus we are coordinating that aspect of the project with Consumers Energy and Thielen Turf.

Out of Office. I will be attending the quarterly MML Property & Liability Pool Board meeting in Traverse City on September 7th & 8th. I will also be attending the MML Convention in

Holland during the period Sep 12-15. My term of office as a board member of the MML Board of Trustees expires in conjunction with the convention, thus I will be attending my last board meeting at the conference. My term of office with the MML Property & Liability expires in ten years.

Attachments. None.