

Village of Lawton
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
BEING HELD REMOTELY
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
TUESDAY, June 9, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The Governor of the State of Michigan has issued an executive order, No. 2020-75, that has authorized remote participation in public meetings. It has been determined by the Village of Lawton that an electronic meeting is necessary to protect public health. Public participation is encouraged and procedures facilitating that participation are outlined in supplemental materials attached. Public participation is encouraged and procedures facilitating that participation are outlined in supplemental materials attached.

TO ACCESS THE MEETING REMOTELY:

BY PHONE: Dial +1 (312) 626-6799 and ENTER Meeting ID# 223 344 0545

BY COMPUTER: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2233440545> and ENTER Meeting ID# 223 344 0545

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Roll Call:**
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the Planning Commission Agenda for June 9, 2020 as presented (or as amended with additions/changes/deletions).
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of May 5th, 2020 as presented (or as amended with additions/changes/deletions)
- 5. Public Comment / Communications:** (related to agenda items only - limit 3 min/person)
- 6. New Business:**
 - a. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Lawton Report**
- 7. Unfinished Business:**
- 8. Public Comment/ Hear from the Audience:** (Limit of 3 min/person for general comments)
- 9. Planning Commissioner Comments:**
- 10. Adjournment:**

ELECTRONIC MEETING RULES FOR PUBLIC

- All public participants entering the meeting will automatically be muted upon entering.
- All public participants should either turn off or leave off their video camera. Only Planning Commission members will be allowed to have their video cameras on. Your video camera will be turned off for you if you do not turn it off yourself.
- Public comment:
 - Public only will be allowed to address the Planning Commission during Public Comments section of the Agenda. Public is allowed three (3) minutes per person to speak.
 - Public must state the name and address slowly and clearly before they start to address the Planning Commission.
 - Public comments will be addressed in the following order:
 1. Those provided in writing by 6 pm on the day of the meeting sent to ImusL@LawtonMI.gov will be read aloud by Chairperson.
 2. Those requesting to speak during meeting, by providing name, address in by 6 pm on the day of the meeting sent ImusL@LawtonMI.gov.
 3. Those using the Video Conference Portion (not calling on a telephone) will be asked to use the "Raise Your Hand" Feature in Zoom. The Chairperson will call on individuals to speak and they will be unmuted at that time.
 4. Participants that are available only by phone, after the Chairperson requests.
- Inappropriate or disruptive participants will not be allowed or tolerated and will be removed from the meeting.
- Due to the electronic nature of this type of meeting the Chairperson, at his discretion, may adjourn the meeting with or without notice for any reason. Every attempt will be made to remain connected to the meeting, however examples of abrupt adjournment may be computer connectivity issues or lack of appropriate participation. According to the Attorney General, interrupting a public meeting in Michigan with hate speech or profanity could result in criminal charges under several State statutes relating to Fraudulent Access to a Computer or Network (MCL 752.797) and/or Malicious Use of Electronics Communication (MCL 750.540).

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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

***Draft* MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at 7:09 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: Dakota Martin, Mandi Lawson, Ren Turner, PJ Chmiel, Mike Dudek, and Connie Knapp Absent: Josh Doster
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Knapp, supported by Chmiel made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Agenda for May 5, 2020 as presented. Motion approved by acclamation.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Turner, supported by Dudek, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of February 4, 2020 & March 2, 2020 as presented. Motion approved by acclamation.
- 5. Public Comment / Communications:** None.
- 6. New Business:**
 - a. Site Plan Review and Special Use Application being requested by Consumer's Energy for 523 N Main St (PP# 80-45-050-003-10)

Martin, supported by Dudek, made a motion to open a public hearing for a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit being requested by Consumer's Energy for 523 N Main St (PP# 80-45-050-003-10). Motion approved by acclamation.

Representatives from Consumer's Energy explained the project. The recently combined lots will have all current structures demolished and all trees/brush removed except the large maple in the NW corner near M-40. New gas equipment and lines will be installed and run to a 16' X 12' building. The perimeter of the lot will be surrounded by a 7' black vinyl coated chain link fence (with vinyl slats ei/or row) 1' off the N, E and S property lines, and 5' off the M-40 50' ROW line. A 14' concrete driveway approach will be installed leading from M-40 to the fenced area. The groundcover within the fenced area will be aggregate.

Landscaping possibilities were discussed. Consumers offered to plant arborvitae along the perimeter, however due to the deer population, Planning Commission suggested a series of 3 to 5 small flowering deciduous trees with bushes between each tree along the width of the M-40 side of the property to better conceal the utility. There will be no barbed wire on the fence. Planning Commission asked Consumers to consider installing a 4' sidewalk just E of the 33' ROW line. The Special Use Permit is required for public utility buildings in the R-3 zoning district.

Turner, supported by Dudek, made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:58. Motion approved by acclamation.

Turner, supported by Knapp, made a motion to approve the proposed site plan and grant the special use permit for Consumers Consumer's Energy for 523 N Main St (PP# 80-45-050-003-10), subject to obtaining a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 7' perimeter fence. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

- 7. Unfinished Business:** None.
- 8. Public Comment/ Hear from the Audience:** None.
- 9. Planning Commissioner Comments:** None.
- 10. Adjournment:** Turner, supported by Chmiel, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion approved by acclamation.