

Planning and Zoning Committee  
August 25, 2021

**Present:** James John, Trustee (Chairperson)  
Nicole Chen, Trustee  
Martin Scott, Director of Community Development  
Tim Eavenson, Western Springs Resident

**Call to Order:** Trustee John called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Temporary use permit: Run for Field Park 5K** – Resident Tim Eavenson was present to discuss the request for a temporary use permit for the Field Park 5K. He explained how it is usually held in the Spring, however due to Covid they pushed it back to Fall 2021. The 5K is a school fundraiser with attendance estimated to be around 225 participants. Mr. Eavenson said there are no major changes since the race first occurred in 2015.

Trustee John said Mr. Eavenson has the Committee's full support. Trustee John asked if there is anything to approve. Director Scott commented the request will be discussed and approved at the workshop during the September 13th meeting. Director Scott advised Tim to speak with Village staff to discuss routes and final details. No other action needed at this time.

**Temporary use permit: Run for Kelli 5K** – Trustee John briefed the group with the background of the race. The race is to take place on Sunday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. and will start and finish at 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The race is expected to have approximate 500 runners. The race will follow the same route as the 2019 race. Director Scott recommended this request gets added to the September 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting agenda. No action needed at this time.

**Possible DCO amendments:**

**Group Homes** – Trustee John asked for a further explanation of the possible DCO amendment relating to group homes. Director Scott explained how group homes are regulated in other communities and described the language used. He said that there is some time to think about the amendment before a draft ordinance is presented. Trustee Chen commented that our current code does not have a definition of "Group Home". Trustee Chen suggested that the code gets updated so the Village can provide guidance.

**Medical Marijuana** – Director Scott noted that retail sales of marijuana is out of the question based on an executive order from President Gallagher with concurrence of the Village Board. Trustee John asked if they need to identify an area where The Village can accommodate a location where medical marijuana could be sold. Director Scott said he is not looking for specific direction from Trustees John and Chen at this time, but just said it is something to be addressed in the future. Attorney Jurusik will be drafting an ordinance that will help define the applicable regulations. Trustee Chen suggested the Committee should be proactive and locate a spot before someone inquires about it.

**Western Springs Historical Society** – The Western Springs Historical Society requested a temporary use permit for this Pain the town event which will take place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a low impact event to Village Staff and Public Works. No action needed at this time.

**Commission/Board Updates:**

**Plan Commission** – No updates at this time.

**Economic Development Commission** – The EDC met in July and the proposed development at 514 Hillgrove Avenue was discussed.

**Board of Zoning Appeal**– No updates at this time.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

**Public Comment:** There is no public comment

**Adjournment:** Trustee Chen motioned to adjourn. Trustee John seconded the motion. All in favor; Trustee Chen and Trustee John. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by E. Chenelle