



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 17, 2022 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:24 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski, President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Sr. Management Analyst Samuel Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Planning & Development Director Roberta Grill, Food and Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Police Chief Patrick Ullrich, Deputy Chief Durbin, Deputy Chief Pretkelis, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

BUILDING & ZONING, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS
Cannabis Text Amendment

Chairman Hopkins introduced the item.

Chairman Deyne asked if we have had any interest in the industrial parks.

Planning and Development Services Director Roberta Grill stated, we have had a few in Brewster Creek Business Park, but no plans submitted.

Economic Development Director Tony Fradin stated there has been a fair amount of inquiries, but no applications.

Chairman Deyne asked if there was more than one firm interested.

Ms. Grill stated she believes the board at the time only wanted one cultivation center and one dispensary in each of those.

Chairman Deyne asked if they would have the opportunity to review it if it was a special use.



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Ms. Grill stated we would have to do a text amendment. What staff is asking based off this change, we would not limit it in the commercial areas, so why would we want to limit it in the industrial area.

Chairman Hopkins stated he didn't see any reason to.

Chairman Suwanski asked if we would allow it in the Streets of Bartlett.

Ms. Grill stated that was correct. They would not be allowed there, in the Town Center or the Main St. Plaza shopping center.

Chairman Suwanski asked if we could allow it as a Special Use.

Ms. Grill stated "no."

Chairman Hopkins stated we will not limit any of the industrial parks to one business.

Chairman Gunsteen asked if that would help spark some further interest.

Ms. Grill stated she hoped so.

Steve Stromski, a realtor who represents the Bartlett Town Center stated he works for Troy Realty and he has been dealing with a few of these dispensaries throughout Chicagoland the last few months. He is working on a deal in Park Ridge where they are proposing a dispensary on the far edge of town and at their board meeting, many residents wanted it closer to the center of town. He stated he understands there is concerns about putting a dispensary in part of the downtown area, but no matter where you put it, there will always be people in opposition. He said one of the first times he visited the town center building he noticed the Metra station across the street as well as the village hall and police department and immediately he made a few phone calls to some dispensaries and one of the better operators in the state got back to him and they came up with a plan to pitch a dispensary to the board. Unfortunately, we cancelled it at the last minute because we were under the impression it would not pass. The new dispensaries are very clean and secure, they are almost like an apple store, especially with the potential tenant they have interested. They liked the location next to the Metra and police station near it. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions the board had, from a realtor perspective. He was out in Oregon a couple months back and when you walk down the downtown, they are everywhere. If you were to prohibit it in the downtown area, in a few years, you will probably have to reverse it when it becomes more prevalent.

Chairman Hopkins thanked him for his time.



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Chairman Deyne stated he would like to stay where we are right now and see what the Planning and Zoning Commission says and get the results of the public hearing.

Chairman Deyne moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and the motion was seconded by Chairman Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Samuel Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk