

City of Lakeside Park
Minutes of 9/30/2021
Special Council Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor David Jansing opened the special meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Those in attendance were Mayor Jansing and Council Members; Mr. Markgraf, Mrs. Thaman, Mr. Waite and Mr. Wolfer. Mr. Gastright and Mr. Stegman were absent. City Clerk Mrs. Hehman and City Attorney Mr. Voss were also present for the meeting.

AGENDA:

The only item on the agenda is the findings and report by City Attorney, Mr. Voss on the sober living homes and discussion for the council. This meeting is for information purposes only.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Voss reviewed many examples of case law that he has found in regards to sober living homes, including the Oxford House. He stated the findings support that the recovering group is allowed under the ADA as a family unit. These homes are also protected by the Federal Fair Housing Act. The issue of limiting the number of men in the house was also addressed. Mr. Voss reported that if the council wished to proceed with limiting the number of occupants within a residence, then it will apply to every unit within the City, including all single family homes. The Board of Adjustment cannot grant a variance for this issue, as a variance is dimensional by definition.

Mayor Jansing has checked with the Occupational License office and found all three Oxford House locations are complying. Additionally, the work being done at 109 Farmcrest did not have a permit for the work being done to the basement. Mayor Jansing has been working with PDS to make sure the egress and fire code regulations are met before the bedroom in the basement is used.

There is conflicting legislation with enforcing the distance or spacing between the homes.


Mr. Voss suggested that the state of Kentucky could require a licensing process. He also suggested that PDS and Kenton County should work together, by forming a Task Force to address the sober living homes county wide.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Markgraf made the **motion** to adjourn the special meeting at 6:29 p.m. Mr. Wolfer seconded the **motion** after several questions at 6:36 p.m. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Nays. Motion carried.**



David E. Jansing, Mayor



Katie Hehman, Deputy City Clerk