



MINUTES Newaygo City Planning Commission July 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the Planning Commission teleconference meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A teleconference meeting was held under the guidelines of Executive Order 2020-110 during the COVID-19 Virus.

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams
Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary, Scott Faulkner:
Economic and Community Development Coordinator, Bill Mast: Visser Development, Ray Sohr:
River Stop Saloon

Motion by R. Faulkner, second by Wight to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Wight, second by R. Faulkner to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve 05/20/2020 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Hikade, second by R. Faulkner at 6:35 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on request by the River Stop Saloon, 56 W. State Rd., to allow for a 20'x20' outdoor table service area behind the restaurant. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman Nay: None. CARRIED Ray Sohr, owner of River Stop Saloon, stated that they would like to expand their service to allow outdoor seating. He would like this as an option for their customers especially with the COVID-19 Virus. Schneider stated that the area would be similar to current outdoor seating areas behind the River Stop Café and the Sportsmans Bar and that he had no issues with the application and documentation submitted by Sohr. Schneider stated that a license agreement would need to be approved by City Council and the TIFA Board allowing the seating in the public right-of-way. Motion by R. Faulkner, second by Wight at 6:39 pm to close the public hearing. AIF/MC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hikade, second by Williams to recommend approval for a special land use for River Stop Saloon allowing a 20' x 20' outdoor table service area behind the restaurant. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman Nay: None. CARRIED
Motion by R. Faulkner, second by Wight to approve River Run Center revised site plans eliminating car ports, moving their storage indoors and placing landscaping stone on the south side of the apartment building instead of grass. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman Nay: None. CARRIED Bill Mast, representing Visser Development, stated that the City's new ordinance does not require covered carports and they would like to eliminate the carports and replace the grass on the south side of the building with landscaping stone. They plan to add storage inside for each apartment unit. He stated that

construction has started and they are trying to control costs to keep the rent amount as low as possible. Mast said that the indoor storage areas are a foot shorter than the original carports and that they would commit to indoor storage for any additional units constructed. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to support a Disc Golf Course at Shaw and Henning Parks. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, R. Faulkner, Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: Fedell, Fetterley, Looman Nay: None. CARRIED Schneider stated that TIFA had approved money towards design work for a potential Disc Golf Course to be located at Shaw and Henning Park. He stated that seven bids were received from vendors for design work and that himself, S. Faulkner, and County Parks Director Nick Smith would be reviewing all the bids in coming weeks to narrow down to 2-3 vendors. Schneider stated this would be a collaborative project between the City and the County and said that construction funding has yet to be determined.

S. Faulkner discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He said that the City received permits from EGLE to build a potential pedestrian bridge over the Muskegon River at Wood St. right of way and that they continue to work on funding with potential grants through the EDA and FAF. S. Faulkner stated that the EDA requires an Economic Impact Analysis and that MSU will be conducting that analysis. He said they continue to work with CopperRock on buy/sell agreement for vacant property along W. Wood St.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Schneider thanked everyone for participating.

Board and Schneider discussed M37 Pilot Program and Schneider stated that a teleconference is being held on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 pm to take comments on the M37 Pilot Program.

R. Faulkner inquired about a local business potentially having outdoor seating. Schneider stated that if the business wanted outdoor seating they would have to get approval from Planning and the Health Department.

Motion by Williams, second by R. Faulkner to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Mike Hikade