

Minutes of City of Newaygo Planning Commission
April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Chambers.

Present: Chambers, Williams, Westcott, Faulkner, Wight, Black, and Day. Also present, City Manager Jon Schneider.

Absent: Fetterley and Kroll.

Motion by Williams, second by Faulkner to excuse the absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Westcott, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Public Comments: None

Motion by Black, second by Wight to approve the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes as written. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Westcott to open the public hearing requested by Matthew Boynton and Savannah, 215 Curve St. to consider a land use application for “The Rusty Fork” at 24 Wood Street (Old Post Office building) to be used for a Restaurant/Bistro and Bakery. He would like to add approximately 1,000 square feet to the building and add a roof-top greenhouse/garden to the roof. He states that they are both Certified American Culinary Federation Chefs and would like to offer housemade bakery items and local farm to table meals with both indoor and outdoor seating. In the future, with proper licensing, they would like to offer beer with meals, wine dinners, pairings and appetizers. The smokers that he proposes would likely be electric rather than wood fired to reduce the smoke output.

Members questioned about deliveries – an area on the southwesterly corner of the lot; parking – a sidewalk ramp from the end of the existing sidewalk at the southwesterly corner of the lot to the City parking lot; concern for traffic visibility at corner of Wood Street – should not be a problem. Ability of the roof to support a rooftop garden – that is being determined by the architect or engineer. It was noted that a survey of the property would be required since the building addition would be on or near the property line.

There were no questions or concerns voiced by the members of the public who were present.

Motion by Williams, second by Faulkner to close the hearing. AIF/MC

Schneider mentioned the possibility that Verizon wants to install a cell tower within the City and that City zoning is superseded by Federal Law. This may or may not happen.

Public Comments: Donna Friar welcomed the possibility of “The Rusty Fork” locating in Newaygo.

Motion by Black, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. AIF/MC

Respectfully submitted,

C. Douglas Day, Secretary