



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Principal Shopping District
May 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Brock, Clor, Cooper, Fedell, Friar, Slominski
Absent: Faulkner, Nelson, Parsley
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary

Motion by Brock, second by Slominski to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Friar to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fedell, second by Faulkner to approve 04/12/2023 PSD regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Fedell, second by Slominski to approve Sign/Facade Permit for 69 N. State Rd.-Blarney Castle (EZ Mart). AIF/MC Pictures of proposed signage change was included in packets.

Motion by Brock, second by Slominski to approve Zoning Compliance/Facade Permit for 47 W. State Rd.-The Free Spirit Retreat. AIF/MC Amy Dalman, City Code Enforcement Officer, stated that the owner of Free Spirit Retreat said the pergola would be metal, would not have walls and may have curtains displayed on poles. Schneider stated that a previous pergola had been installed at another location and it was considered a patio with a roof.

Motion by Brock, second by Fedell to approve Facade Permit (Mural) for 27 State Rd.-37 North LLC. AIF/MC Pictures of proposed mural were included in packets.

Motion by Fedell, second by Clor to allow Cooper to abstain from vote regarding Sign Permit at 1 State Rd., lower level-Sui Generis Home Furniture. AIF/MC Cooper requested to abstain from voting in motion as her and her husband own Sui Generis Home Furniture located at 1 State Rd.

Motion by Fedell, second by Clor to approve Sign Permit for 1 State Rd., Lower Level-Sui Generis Home Furniture. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Abstain: 1 Cooper said that they recently had their logo redone and signage would reflect the new logo. The signage on the Parking Lot entry, North and East side of the building would be in the same location with updated logo. A new sign would be placed on the South Entrance of the Building for an added entryway with their expansion project. Cooper discussed concern with the location of the tree in front of the South entrance. Board discussed tree location and no plans were made at this time to relocate or remove the tree.

Motion by Slominski, second by Fedell to approve expansion of Social District eliminating Loading Zones in the South Parking Lot as discussed and displayed. AIF/MC Schneider stated that this had been discussed in detail at the April PSD Meeting. Fedell said that he spoke with all business owners, with the exception of two, on eliminating the loading zones in the South Parking Lot and all were in favor of eliminating the loading zones. The two that he had not spoken with will not be affected by the elimination of the loading

zones. Schneider stated that TIFA had approved funding for the elimination of loading zones. Board discussed the flow of traffic and potential for diagonal parking in the south parking lot and Schneider stated that was a potential future project.

Cooper said that in the past there had been discussion related to the trees downtown and having them trimmed. Schneider said that the trees had been trimmed in the last six months. He said that most of the trees had been trimmed to be pulled back from the buildings or lower level branches trimmed to make it safer for pedestrians walking. Board discussed the size of the trees and questioned why a few were smaller than others. Schneider said that the smaller trees were replacement trees and most had to be replaced because of damage by vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schneider gave updates on the Powerhouse roof and building and discussed a Public Safety Study that Brooks Township and the City will be funding to look at the public safety needs of the community. He said that the Disc Golf Course should be completed by fall and stated that the River Stop Café had recently received a Match on Main Street Grant. Schneider stated that the City Code Enforcement Officer would be resuming Property Maintenance Inspections for rentals in the City. He said that Council had approved the Traffic Order changes related to the North Parking Lot behind The Stream Building (1 State Rd.) and the plan is to get the striping and changes completed this summer.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Cooper gave an update on Sui Generis Home Furniture expansion project.

Motion by Fedell, second by Clor to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 am. AIF/MC

PSD Recording Secretary/City Clerk-Kim Goodin