

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA FINAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 24, 2022
250 S. Maple St. SE
Caledonia, MI 49316

Planning Commission Attendees: Sylvia Murphy, Kimberly Peters, Gayle Ott, Bill Robertson, Gerrienne Shuler, Chad Chambers, Amanda Crozier

Additional Attendees: Jeff Thornton, Village Manager

Missing: Nathan Mehmed, Village Planner, Jim Scales, Village Attorney

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

- a. Gerrienne Shuler
- b. Chad Chambers
- c. Amanda Crozier

2. **Call to Order** at 7:01 pm

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Consideration of the Meeting Agenda – with the addition of Vote of Open Positions**

- o Motion to Approve by Bill
- o Seconded by Gayle
- o Motion Carried

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Consideration of the November 18, 2021 Minutes**

- o Motion to Approve by Gayle
- o Seconded by Gerrienne
- o Motion Carried

7. **Inquiry of Conflict of Interest** – None

8. **New Business**

a. **Public Hearing on 114 E Main St. – Special Land Use Request**

i. **Jeff** –

History – Caledonia Fire Department needed to do an Official Occupancy Count. Went to the Liquor License Department for documentation. Couldn't find any. Came to the Village Office to review records, couldn't find the needed documentation. Previous Special Use Permit was only for 9 months, expiring in 1977. Question became, what can be done on the main level and in the basement. Jodi is trying to be a good business owner and get into compliance. What happens outside requires a different permit (Village and Sheriff Department to sign off). Occupancy has been set to 99 people for the entire building, with no more than 49 in the basement (with remaining amount allowed upstairs). All concerns with code have been addressed. Outside regulated by the state and not the Village.

b. **Opened Public Hearing as of 7:25 pm**

1. Nicole Erskine – no objections. Has been on Main Street for 50 years. Wants Jodi to be able to thrive. Dancing should be allowed as well.

2. Justin Nichols – wanted to know what the history was (came late). Wants the Village to support local businesses.

- o Motion to Close Public Hearing Sylvia
- o Seconded by Chad
- o Motion Carried

c. Consideration of the Special Land Use Request

i. Planning Commission recommends that 2c end as “The Village Manager may permit limited exceptions for special events held outdoors.” There are amplified music ordinances. We have a separate ordinance as catch all which is under nuisance. 2d is not needed.

- o Motion to Approve by Kim
- o Seconded by Gerrienne
- o Motion Carried

d. Vote on Open Positions – Should be at the first meeting of the year. Vote on Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.

i. Chad offered to sit as Vice Chairman, Sylvia and Kim both offered to sit as Chairman. However, due to the new members just joining this evening for 1st meeting, not sure timing is right to make decisions tonight.

- o Motion to table until March meeting by Sylvia
- o Seconded by Gayle
- o Motion Carried

9. Old/Unfinished Business

a. Master Plan Review – Question on where we stand in the process. November minutes show draft was to be sent to Council for review. Waiting on update from Nathan. Need to get new members up to speed too.

10. Other Matters –

a. Council is starting to review ordinances

i. Zoning Ordinances are under Planning Commission, more may come

11. Public Comments – none

12. Commissioner’s Comments – Sylvia thanked everyone for coming and welcomed new members.

13. Adjournment

- o Sylvia called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Peters
Planning Commission, Secretary