

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

May 5, 2020 Minutes

The Franklin Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting. Chairman Wise brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Due to Covid-19 restrictions those present practiced social distancing and kept the number gathered within standards. Present: Greg Wise, Doug Sherman, Joel Whelan, John Hinkley, Larry Shea, Jeff Fineske and Jane Murphy. Absent: Gordy Whelan and John Krueger. Also present: Building Official Bruce Nickel, Recording Secretary Sue Whitehead and Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg.

BUSINESS AT HAND

Lorenzo Lizarralde, Owner of Chateau Aeronautique Winery located at 12000 Pentecost Hwy, Onsted, was present and addressed the Commission with a request to construct a covered “outdoor seating area” (patio). The Commission reviewed a proposed site plan with drawings. The patio slab is approximately 45’ x 120’. The builder would be Timbercraft in Tecumseh. Mr. Lizarralde presented an outline of how additional parking could be handled and also other possible options. Presently there are 111 marked parking spaces. Would like to avoid any parking along Pentecost Hwy. Mr. Lizarralde also presented photos of the property and a proposed seating chart for the covered patio. Nickel pointed out that the 7200 sq. foot listed includes the building and the patio. Mr. Lizarralde said if the patio was built more customers would be seated outside and during the colder months the business is slower so the seating inside should be adequate. Radiant tube heat is being considered. Chairman Wise felt it would be best if the additional parking was able to stay on the present property that the Winery sits on. Mr. Lizarralde was also looking into working out something with the County Drain Commission property that is adjacent to the Winery. Nickel suggested reorganizing present parking spaces so as to not have wasted space. Other commissioners asked a few questions. Murphy moved to approve construction of the covered patio with additional parking sought. Fineske seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Murphy approved the minutes from the previous meeting (10/1/19) as written. Sherman seconded. Motion carried 7-0. There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Reorganization of Officers. Murphy moved to retain the same current officers:
Chairman – Greg Wise, Vice Chairman – Doug Sherman, Secretary – Joel Whelan.
Shea supported. Motion carried 7-0. The officers will serve for 1 year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Recording Secretary