



Minutes Planning Commission Meeting

**February 17th, 2022, City Hall
102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, MI
7:00 PM**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fox at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Broeker, Crawford, Fox, Gardner, Gaunt & Heriford.

Absent: Manns was excused.

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Osman.

Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2022:

Motion by Gardner, second by Heriford, to approve the minutes from the 20th of January meeting. The motion carried 6-0 via voice vote.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

A. 449 Water St. and 121 Mary St:

WPBG, LLC has applied to extend Wicks Park Bar and Grille into the existing structure on the same parcel with the address of 121 Mary Street and 449 WATER ST 435, connect the two buildings with a breezeway and establish outdoor seating at the rear of 121 Mary Street. This property is located in the WSE-WATER E C2 Zone District.

Summary: The summary of application was given by the Zoning Administrator Osman.

Presentation: Christine Murphy-Pierce owner of Wicks Park Bar & Grill provided her presentation regarding her application to modify 121 Mary Street and 449 Water Street.

Public Comments:

- Catherine Simon the owner of Maplewood Hotel spoke in opposition to WPBG, LLC's application.
- Jane Verplank the owner of The Inn of Saugatuck spoke in opposition to WPBG, LLC's application.

- Russ Gardner read into record a letter of concern from Brady Bailiff the owner of The Ivy LLC.
- Dan Fox noted a letter from Catherine Simon will not be read into record but remains a matter of record.
- Applicant Christine Murphy Pierce made comment to the Planning Commission and stated her main goal is to improve the land and is open to working with whomever to proceed.
- Jane Verplank owner of The Inn of Saugatuck asked the Planning Commission not to rule on the matter until a later date.
- Catherine Simon the owner of Maplewood Hotel asked the Planning Commission to table this item until a later date.

Deliberation:

- The Planning Commission discussed needing an improved site plan and would like the Saugatuck Township Fire Department to review the property prior to next meeting.

Commission Action:

Motion made by Gardner, second by Gaunt, to table for review by the Fire Department, more detailed site plan and what the fence will look like. The motion carried 6-0 via vote.

Communications:

- Zoning Administrator informed the Planning Commission that she has scheduled David Jirousek in-person during the March 17, 2022, meeting to speak about the process of planning for Planning Commission's master planning.

Reports of Officers and Committees: None

Public Comments:

- Jane Verplank owner of The Inn of Saugatuck suggested there be a moratorium on expansion of businesses until the City parking issue is addressed. She noted the City needs a Code enforcement official and thanked the Planning Commission for tabling the item at hand.

Adjournment: Chairperson Fox adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Gaunt, second by Gardner, to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0 via voice vote.