

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Vice Chair Todd Byxbe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present: Ron Axon, Todd Byxbe, Tom Eddie, Brent Murray, Judy Rossi and Leta Stewart.

Absent: Jason Naill

Staff Present: Patricia Diduch.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2018

Motion to approve made by Mr. Axon. Second by Ms. Rossi. Motion approved, 6-0.

III. Design Review and Façade Grant Request for 116-118 W. Main St. – PMM Real Estate, LLC

Mr. Anthony Pipitone of PMM Real Estate, LLC gave a description of the material and the color choices, stating moonstone is the second-floor color and marada is the first floor color. Mr. Murray asked for clarification as to where the colors would change. Mr. Pipitone stated it would be where the colors transition now. Mr. Axon asked if the rear façade would be touched at all, and Mr. Pipitone replied that not at this time. A brief discussion occurred regarding the colors. The Commissioners expressed their general approval of the colors and excitement for the façade improvement.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Axon. Second by Ms. Stewart. Motion approved, 6-0.

IV. Request for Special Use Permit in the CR Commercial Retail District – 118 W. Main St., Nicole Rausch-Stokes

Ms. Rausch-Stokes gave a very brief description of the proposed medical and cosmetic tattooing. She stated she has been tattooing for one year. Her partner has been tattooing for four years.

Mr. Axon asked Ms. Diduch for clarification regarding the report stating outdoor storage, and Ms. Diduch stated they were typos.

Mr. Axon expressed concern for signs. Ms. Rausch-Stokes stated they want to fit in with the rest of the downtown. No signage was presented.

Mr. Murray asked a question regarding specific tattoo shop regulations, and the Commission spent time reviewing the zoning code.

Mr. Byxbe expressed his opinion that while he is not a “tattoo guy”, he stated he thought they are

generally more socially-acceptable. He then asked for Mr. Murray's opinion as a downtown business owner. Mr. Murray replied that he thinks tattoos are socially-acceptable as well. Ms. Stewart replied that it would not bother her so long as it was respectable-looking and signage was appropriate, adding she is a frequent patron of downtown businesses. She then asked the applicants what the storefront would look like if visitors are walking by it. The applicants replied that they are not sure yet. Mr. Murray asked what the business color scheme is going to be, and Ms. Nelson replied they are not decided but are thinking black, white and gray. Ms. Stewart suggested the applicants consider signage before the ZBA meeting.

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed tattoo shop at length with several Commissioners expressing that tattoos are far more accepted by society now. Other Commissioners agreed but expressed concern about the proposed use fitting in with the atmosphere of downtown Rockton.

Mr. Eddie made a motion to approve the special use permit with the two conditions as presented. Second by Mr. Axon. Motion not approved, 3-3.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Eddie. Second by Mr. Murray. Motion approved, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.