

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-June 5, 2024

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Cronenwett, Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz, Marshall
Absent and Excused: Kneeshaw
Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning, and guests
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Marshall to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Schultz to approve the May 1, 2024 minutes as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Special Land Use and Site Plan Amendment.**
Charles Brandt requests an amendment to allow on-site parking for the guests of **Nightmare Realm** for the 2024 and 2025 seasons for the property located at 23492 Red Arrow Highway, Mattawan, MI 49071 (Parcel 80-02-001-017-02)

Public Hearing

Chairman Paquin opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 PM.

Charles Brandt presented the request for on-site parking.

David Jirousek reviewed the request for a 2 (two) year on-site parking plan.

Jerry Osborne-positive comment in regards to the request for on-site parking for this business.

There being no further Public Comment, Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 PM.

Motion by Paquin second by Cronenwett to close the Public Hearing.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration of a Special Land Use and Site Plan Amendment.

Discussion with David Jirousek and commissioners in regards to the request and review of memo dated May 29, 2024. Paquin request item 7 be added to the list of conditions in regards to the Van Buren County Drain Commission letter of June 18, 2020 regarding Storm Water Management Plan.

Motion by Paquin second by Marshall to recommend approval of the special land use and site plan amendment to allow on-site parking of employees and customers, 120 permanent and 70 overflow parking spaces with the following conditions:

1. The approval of on-site parking is granted for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.
2. No more than 150 tickets are sold for each half-hour block.
3. Fire Department approval is Secured prior to the 2024 and 2025 event seasons.
4. The operation remains in continued compliance with all Road Commission requirements and conditions of approval.

5. Emergency procedures shall be established to accommodate parking beyond what is available on-site in the case of unanticipated traffic generation.
6. Temporary lighting shall be used to illuminate all new parking spaces. Installation of permanent lighting for the proposed permanent eastern and western parking rows is deferred until the 2026 season.
7. The Storm Water Management/Maintenance Plan shall be executed between Antwerp Township and the Owner of Record for this site.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Additional Comments and Communications

Tarchala-gave report on the Compensation Commission, Township Budget Hearing will be June 11, 2024.

Reported on improvements that are being made at the Township Recycling Center.

Trailway report update on progress being made.

David Jirousek discussed with commissioners, procedures for site plan review and fulfillment of site plan information.

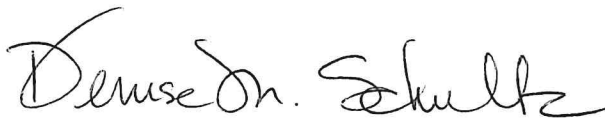
Schultz-mention of July meeting date. The July meeting date is for July 10th, unless as stated by David that there is nothing to consider and then the meeting could be cancelled.

Cronenwett-discussion in regards to the possibility of downsizing the number of Planning Commissioners from 7 to 5 members

8. Adjournment – Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to adjourn at 7:45 PM

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary