

Town of Merton
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes of March 3, 2021

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink at p.m. at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the February 17th, 2021 Plan Commission Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Morris/Good. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Morris, Good, & Haberman, Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Commissioner Siepmann

Present: Tom Evert, Gene Eggert, Darrell Smith and Susan Buchanan

Old Business: None

New Business:

Updated Plan of Operation, Site Plan for Outdoor Seating for a Beer Garden, and a Site Plan for Covered Seating as an Addition to the Existing Building for Boondocks BBQ – as Requested by Tom Evert – N67W33525 County Road K – MRTT0363-998-001 – Evert stated Covid has made it tough for the restaurant business and if people couldn't sit outside to eat, they left. Evert plans on closing the entrance closest to the building and put a beer garden in that area and get the smokers out of the elements. He is looking for usable space outside for the future of the business. Evert purchased the old road that borders to the south and to the west which adds another 30' to the property. The percentage of parking will not change. They would have approximately 78 parking spaces.

Klink questioned if the one entrance is removed, would there be a berm for the noise and lights. Evert stated he wanted to discuss with Susie Oman if she would prefer a berm, landscape with trees, etc.

Haroldson questioned if there would be music with the outdoor seating. Evert said only music which is allowed by the Plan of Operation. He said maybe acoustic music, but he's not planning a band stage.

Evert said the capacity of his building is 180 and there is seating for approximately 120 people. The second floor is used for offices and storage. There is a dining room in the back that holds approximately 45 people and it has its own entrance.

The outdoor seating area would have a fireplace to extend the season, no sides, and no heaters. Klink questioned if the outside would be open until closing. Evert said no and it's very seldom that they are open until 10 or 11 at night during the week and the kitchen closes at 9. On the weekend they usually close by midnight unless they have a band. The deli operation is in the future down the road. Right now they pick up at the bar.

Haroldson questioned the bathroom facilities. Eggert stated they are way over what is needed. He stated 75 people per toilet is code.

Morris questioned the car show and adding on to the restaurant. Evert stated the car shows are in the parking lot and they restrict parking sections for collector cars. Evert stated they are not adding on to the inside of the restaurant. They have remodeled it twice and moved the bar to open it up.

Klink stated that no action would be taken at this time.

Presentation by Tall Pines and Darrell Smith – Watershed Coordinator for the Oconomowoc Watershed/Protection Program – On the Mason Creek Re-Meander Project – Update and Grant Opportunity – Darrell Smith and Susan Buchanan showed a slide presentation regarding the Mason Creek Re-Meander Project. Smith stated they have an opportunity for a grant and they are working with the City of Oconomowoc, and they may need the support of the Town. They have already received two grants from the DNR. The North Lake

Management District is a viable applicant, but if it doesn't work with them, they would like to keep the possibility of the Town of Merton being an applicant.

Planner Report:

Haroldson stated she has not heard back from Mr. Schuh on the conditional use permit.

The Chairman and the Planner met with the Milwaukee Ultimate Club regarding their conditional use permit. The main focus is on parking and the traffic flow.

Morris stated Waukesha County wrote a letter terminating the conditional use permit for the Weidig property and the operation of the bar.

A motion to adjourn was made by Morris/Griffin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk