

7:03 o'clock p.m. Chairperson Martinek called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buechler, Crawford, Martinek, Mills, Rossow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Baron, Bland

ALSO PRESENT: Kristy Jones

VISITORS: James Williamson, Carolyn Williamson, Chad Wink, Natasha Greer, Michelle LaRowe, Dan Snider

Motion by Martinek, supported by Buechler, to approve the agenda as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED

Motion by Rossow, supported by Mills, to approve the minutes from 3/10/15 as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED

Chairperson Martinek opened the public hearing at 7:04p.m.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Crawford reports: Election on May 5, 2015 - only one item on the ballot; Proposal 1 (raising the sales tax to 7 percent). Work on the interior of the building is moving along, start on the apparatus building is underway. Building grounds maintenance position has been filled.

REPORT FROM ZBA REPRESENTATIVE: Buechler reports: NONE

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

ITEM #1: SPECIAL LAND USE, 74-20-021-3007-000
APPLICANT: Michelle LaRowe, 1366 Vermont, Marysville, MI 48040
PROJECT: Tried and Tru Body Art
REQUEST: Special Land Use for a Professional Body Art Facility
LOCATION: 4013 24th Avenue
PARCEL #: 74-20-021-3007-000

APPLICANT PRESENTATION: Michelle LaRowe said the submitted business plan pretty much explains their intentions. The facility would house established artists with established clientele. James Williamson said he has been in business for 23yrs. He lives in Fort Gratiot and would like to work here as well. He would like to give back to his community. He enjoys helping out with special causes, like cancer awareness. Carolyn Williamson spoke about the fact that they use organic ink and are very environmentally conscious. Martinek asked how many body art facilities can the Fort Gratiot area support? James Williamson replied that he felt the other two existing facilities had their own established clientele but that there would likely be referrals to the other studios as they all have their own specialties.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION: Mills said he felt it was a good, solid business plan and likes that they use organic ink. Rossow said, he too, wonders how many body art facilities Fort Gratiot can support. He did have concerns that we are consistent in the hours of operations. Jones explained that while the mall has set hours of operations for Serenity, Stained Glass Tattoo is in a similar small business center with similar business hours as presented this evening.

Motion by Mills, supported by Rossow, to approve with conditions stated in the review dated 4/14/15 (listed below) the special land use for 4013 24th Avenue (Tried and Tru Body Art, 74-20-021-3007-000)

1. All state laws must be observed
2. The business plan submitted be entered into the record as additional requirements (including the hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12-8pm; Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12-10pm; Sunday 12-5pm) the business must adhere to at all times.
3. Applicant must go through the township for proper signage application and review.
4. Any violation of the conditions may result in enforcement and/or revocation of the special approval use.

Roll Call Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.**

ITEM #2: TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, Chapter 38

***The amendments are still under administrative review and will instead be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting. At this time, citizens may still address the commission if desired.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Chairperson Martinek at 7:35 p.m., continues the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

BOARD DISCUSSION: NONE

Motion by Rossow, supported by Martinek, to adjourn. Vote, Unanimous. Time, 7:43P.M. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED**