

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**

March 26, 2018

Denise M. Parisian, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Chairperson Macak opened the Public Hearing to take comments on a request for a Special Use Permit for an outdoor patio from Dimes Brewhouse, 145 N. Bridge Street. Public present: Michelle Rogers, applicant. Parisian reported that Mike Chappell, 136 Cherry St., sent an email in support of the proposed patio and that Les Grable, 299 E. Washington St., contacted staff and spoke against allowing a six-foot fence to project into the front yard of the adjacent residential lot. With no public present to comment on the request, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

7:04 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Chairperson Macak.

Roll call Present: Estes, Macak, Haynes, Reiffer, Reznick

Absent: none

Also present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager; James Gallagher, Manager Trainee; Mike Daly-Martin, Preston Community Services; Michelle Rogers, Dimes Brewhouse; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Motion by Reiffer, second Reznick, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.
2. Macak introduced the Special Use Permit request from Dimes Brewhouse 145 N. Bridge St. for member consideration. The Commissioners reviewed the findings of fact submitted by Preston Community Services and discussion followed regarding the need for buffering between residential and commercial uses; fence height regulations; lighting; patio fencing materials and height; and hours of operation. Parisian stated her opposition to six-foot fencing right up to the sidewalk and Reznick noted that she could not support the request in the absence of a specific type of patio fencing identified to shield activities from children passing by. The following conditions were supported by a majority of the Commissioners: the hours of operation shall not exceed 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 midnight Friday and Saturday; no lighting in addition to the existing lights on the building shall be installed except for decorative lights strung across the patio as proposed; a six-foot privacy fence shall be installed along a portion of the northerly property line to buffer the residential use in that direction in accordance with the fence ordinance (1294.11); live entertainment shall be permitted as proposed in the request ("such entertainment could consist of an instrumentalist and vocalist either with or without a small amplifier") provided that not more than a total of 20 watts of amplification is used; a three to four-foot fence made of wrought iron or lattice (as appears in the proposal) shall be placed around the patio; the permit is transferrable subject to the terms outlined in Section 1290.02(i) of the Village of Dimondale Code of Ordinances; and all other regulations applicable to this property identified in the Code of Ordinances shall apply (ex: signage, drainage, etc.). Motion by Haynes, second Estes, to forward a recommendation to the Village Council to approve the Special Use Permit as outlined above. Motion carried, Reznick opposed.

3. Parisian noted that no progress has been made on the Food Truck ordinance and questioned how members felt about allowing permanent or semi-permanent food trucks. Discussion followed regarding the placement of permanent trucks and the impact on local businesses.
4. No matters were brought forth during the public session.
5. Macak reported that he was unable to attend the March Planning Commission meeting for Windsor Township but would attempt to attend the April 11th session.
6. Parisian stated that the annual report will be filed with the Village Council.
7. Macak introduced the Meetings Proceedings Resolution for member review. Motion by Reznick, second Haynes, to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Reiffer, second Reznick, to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Denise M. Parisian