

City Of Hart

407 S. State St
Hart, Mi 49420
Planning Commission
Thursday, June 4th, 2020
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Root, Gale Goldberg, Diane LaPorte, Peggy Wittman, Jack Wittman (Remote)
Jim Cunningham, Rob Splane

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynne Ladner (City Manager), and Karla Swihart (Dep. Clerk). Remote David Jirousek (Horizon Community) and George Sadler.

Chairman B. Root called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

A motion was made by D. Laporte to approve the agenda and supported by J. Cunningham
Ayes 7 Nays 0 Absent 0. The motion carried.

A Motion to adopt the March 5th meeting minutes as presented made by G. Goldberg and supported by
D. Laporte. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Absent 0. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- No Public comments.

ACTION ITEMS: Consider recommending approval of temporary “Social Zones” in B-1 and B-2 districts to address short term capacity constraints related to COVID-19 social distancing requirements for restaurants, microbreweries, coffee shops, bakeries, taverns, and similar establishments.

- Temp social zones would help businesses with outdoor seating to allow businesses to seat more than 50% capacity. Any bar/restaurant that serves alcohol has to be approved by the City Council Board to add seating, but it is up to the liquor control to determine if they can sell beer and liquor outdoors.
- Business can set up outdoor seating but has to maintain 5ft for pedestrians to be able to pass by.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The City has an application the businesses will have to fill out with detail on how many tables, how they place to clean, and also how they will staff.
- The business will be allowed to expand into the parallel parking areas but do have to put up solid barriers, such as planters, fencing concrete blocks, or similar treatments.
- The time frame being considered 7 am-10 pm.
- The DPW, The City manager, and City Police Dept would be going to each location to ensure the spaces are safe.

A motion was made by R. Splane and 2nd by D. Laporte to recommend to the Council to approve the “Social Zones” with times 7 am – 10 pm with no fee and for businesses to maintain 6ft order, By R. Splane and 2nd By D. Laporte
All ayes, Nays 0, Absent 0. The motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- L. Ladner asked that we move the July 2nd meeting due to the 4th of July Holiday.

A motion was made by G. Goldberg to cancel the July 2nd meeting and 2nd by P. Wittman

All ayes, Nays 0, Absent 0, The motion was carried.

A motion was made by J. Wittman to adjourn the meeting and supported by D. Laporte

All ayes, Nays 0, Absent 0. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm

The next scheduled meeting is on Aug 6th, 2020, at 4 pm.