

CITY OF HUDSONVILLE
Planning Commission Minutes

July 19, 2023

Approved September 20th, 2023

Lakeshore Advantage Presentation
Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance Amendment

Chairman VanDenBerg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Altman, Bendert, Brandsen, Dotson, Kamp, Northrup, Staal, VanDenBerg

Absent: Schmuker

Staff Present: Steffens, Strikwerda

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non agenda items)

1. A motion was made by Northrup, with support by Altman, to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.
 - a. Correction: Vote Total on item #3.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Schmuker)

2. Lakeshore Advantage Presentation

Joe Pierce of Lakeshore Advantage Presented an Industry Trends Report to the Commission.

3. Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance Amendment

Chairman VanDenBerg opened the public comment.

Public Comment: None

The staff report was presented.

Outdoor Entertainment is associated with restaurants, bars, or other commercial or retail uses and requires a Special Land Use permit. The goal of the amendment is to allow outdoor entertainment to exist by right. This would help businesses to have small entertainment opportunities available on their patios and would contribute greatly to the vibrancy of the downtown.

Chairman VanDenBerg closed the public comment.

The following discussion took place with Commissioners:

- Noise.

- If there is a noise complaint how would that be handled? It would be reported via the non-emergency number with the Sheriff's Office who then would alert the Planning and Zoning Department to any issues.
- Social District.
 - This outdoor entertainment is confined to the business's property, it would not interfere with the Social District.
 - Businesses with liquor licenses also have separate regulations via the state for entertainment type events they want to host.
- Future Administrative Approval.
 - If there are consistent issues with permitted this by right with only noise restrictions coming from city code, the Planning and Zoning Department can then add back standards for the use via administrative approvals.
- Approval Timeline once City Commission has approved it.
 - A summary is published in the newspaper and then a certain number of days after publication it is adopted. (This was later confirmed to be 7 days later).

A motion was made by Northrup, with support by Brandsen, to recommend approval by the City Commission to amend the City of Hudsonville Zoning Ordinance to remove the Special Land Use conditions on Outdoor Entertainment as listed in table 2.03.01.1 to make it a permitted use. Section 5.02.05 SLU Standards: Outdoor Entertainment would then be removed from the Zoning Ordinance.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Schmuker)

4. Discussion

- 3648 New Holland Street Property
- Hudsonville Nature Center

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Northrup, with support by Kamp, to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Schmuker)

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Steffens
Planning & Zoning Assistant