



PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF PORTER

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town of Porter Planning Board was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Chairperson Mark Fox, Vice Chairperson Jeffrey Schulze, Member Robert Tower, Member Ryan Ross, Code Enforcer Peter Jeffery, Attorney Michael Dowd, Planning Board Secretary Amy Beaudreau.

Absent: Member J. Anthony Collard

Renewal -- Sketch Plan and recommendation to the ZBA for Laurence and Christina Elia (Lakewood LLC), 433 Lake Road, Youngstown; for Special Use Permit (Banquet/Event operations).

Larry Elia was present to represent the application.

Chairperson Fox explained that this application is a renewal of a Special Use Permit. The previous permit was for 5 years. He asked Mr. Elia if there were any changes and Mr. Elia confirmed there were none.

Chairperson Fox asked Code Enforcer Jeffery if there were any concerns since the permit was issued and Code Enforcer Jeffery stated he received none.

Vice Chairperson Schulze asked Mr. Elia approximately how many events have been hosted on the property since the permit was issued. He estimated 3 outdoor events a year but would like to keep the permit as issued (10 a year) for flexibility.

Chairperson Fox stated that the last permit was issued initially for 5 years and asked the Members what they thought about that time period being extended. The Members agreed that 10 years was reasonable. Mr. Elia appreciated the agreement.

A motion was made by Member Tower to recommend to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Special Use Permit be renewed for 10 years. Vice Chairperson Schulze seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, roll was called.

Chairperson Fox: Yes

Vice Chairperson Schulze: Yes

Member Collard: Absent

Member Tower: Yes

Member Ross: Yes

Motion carried.

Code Enforcer Jeffery's report.

Code Enforcer Jeffery stated he would email his report shortly.

Attorney Dowd's report.

Attorney Dowd had nothing to report.

Correspondence / New / Old / Miscellaneous Business.

None.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. was made by Member Tower and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schulze. All in favor, motion carried.