

Town of Griffith
Plan Commission
January 18, 2021

The Plan Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Larry Ballah with members Rob Bubala, Rick Ryfa, Larry Stassin, Stan Dobosz, and Jim Marker present. Also present was Attorney; Bob Schwerd, Plan Commission Engineer; Jake Dammarell, and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott. Absent was Dave Maglish.

Minutes from the December 21st, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Ryfa made a motion for Larry Ballah to remain Chairman *seconded by Mr. Maglish. All favored, motion carried. Mr. Ryfa made a motion* for Mr. Bubala to remain Vice Chairman *seconded by Mr. Stassin. All favored, motion carried. Mr. Ballah made a motion* for Mr. Dobosz to remain Secretary *seconded by Mr. Stassin. All favored, motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 Wright's Learning Academy; 315 W 35th Ave. Site Plan Change of Use to operate a daycare and learning center in a B3 zone.

Ms. Nanetta Wright appeared before the Commission on behalf of Wright's Learning Academy. Ms. Nanetta Wright said she is switching to a daycare home instead of a learning center. She will have around 12 children at the daycare. She said the business is more of a learning academy, not a center, as the state will not approve them as a center. She is seeking approval as a daycare home. Mr. Stassin asked for clarification as to whether Ms. Wright is seeking approval as a daycare home instead of as a center. Ms. Wright confirmed, stating it was a nonresidential daycare home. Mr. Ryfa asked what it was the state had denied. Ms. Wright said they denied the code as it was a medical center prior and that it was not coded to be educational. Mr. Ballah asked if kids would be there during the day and not at night. Ms. Wright said the hours are 7am - 6pm. Mr. Ballah said they've spoken about parking and feel she will have more than enough. *Mr. Bubala made a motion* granting Wright's Learning Academy; 315 W 35th Ave. a Site Plan Change of Use approval *seconded by Mr. Stassin. All favored, motion carried.* Mr. Ballah asked Mr. Schwerd if this was all Ms. Wright would need. Mr. Schwerd confirmed she will need state approval and nothing further from the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 Sweet Moon Macaron; 109 N Broad St. Site Plan Change of Use to operate a bakery in a B2 zone.

Ms. Mia Reitz appeared before the Commission on behalf of Sweet Moon Macaron. She said she is interested in opening a small bakery that specializes in macarons at 109 N Broad St. Griffith, IN. Mr. Ballah mentioned that he was aware they have been doing some remodeling which Ms. Reitz confirmed. Mr. Ryfa asked if Ms. Reitz had any issues with parking or had evaluated parking outside of the building. Ms. Reitz said she feels there is plenty of parking and that she will be offering curbside pickup. Mr. Ryfa mentioned there could be some issues with parking during the day and to notify if there are any issues. Mr. Ballah asked what her hours were. Ms. Reitz said she will be open Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Mr. Stassin made a motion* granting Sweet Moon Macaron; 109 N Broad St. Site Plan Change of Use approval *seconded by Mr. Bubala. All favored, motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

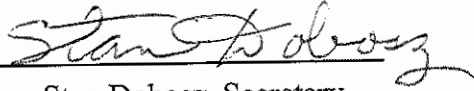
BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Stassin made a motion to approve a claim for the meeting December 21, 2020 in the amount of \$65.00 *seconded by Mr. Bubala. All favored, motion carried.*

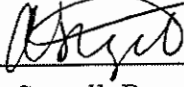
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Plan Commission a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13.

Respectfully Submitted

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Stan Dobosz, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aubrey R. Stegall", written over a horizontal line.

Aubrey R. Stegall, Recording Secretary