Minutes

Meeting of the Village of Spring Green Plan Commission Wednesday, April 19, 2017 Held at Village Office 154 N. Lexington Street Immediately following the Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Marcus called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. as a Meeting of the Spring Green Plan Commission. Members present: Joel Marcus, Eugene Hausner, Michael Broh, Greg Prem, Brad Hutnik, Ed Lilla, and Dan Vernon.
 - Others present: Wendy Crary, Matt Snow, and Dan Feick.
- 2. Crary appointed minute taker.
- 3. Motion by Broh, second by Lilla, to approve meeting agenda. Motion passed with all in favor.
- 4. Approve minutes from the March 15, 2017 Plan Commission Hearings and Meetings. Motion by Hutnik, second by Hausner, to approve minutes. Motion passed with all in favor.
- Discussion and possible action regarding email request from Dan Feick to discuss coffee bean roasting business located at 176 S. Washington Street, Village of Spring Green. Feick introduced himself to those in attendance and explained the proximity of his residence to the coffee bean roasting business. Feick said, "My problem is the smoke and smell associated with the operation". Feick asked, "Are leaves allowed to be burned in the Village?" The response by Plan Commission members was that leaves are not allowed to be burned without a burn permit. Feick replied, "I assume because of health and safety concerns, this smells like badly burnt popcorn, I can't open my windows, that is why I'm starting here prior to taking the next steps". Feick continued by saying, "I can't live next to this long term, it's unbearable to deal with". Feick passed out pictures of the location when the roasting process is occurring. Marcus introduced Matt Snow, a partner of the business and explained that the Plan Commission was addressed regarding this concept back in December. Marcus also explained that the Plan Commission was unanimous in the interpretation that the business is a permitted use within the zoning district and zoning ordinance. Marcus said, "It is however our responsibility to ensure this does not have a negative impact, I'm hopeful there is a way to vent the smoke up". Snow stated, "First off I apologize and understand your concerns about the smoke and smell". Snow explained that currently they are utilizing an outdoor process for roasting the coffee beans and that the goal is to purchase the necessary equipment to transfer over to an indoor process. Marcus asked, "How close are you to changing to the indoor model". Snow replied, "Hopefully within six to eight weeks". Lilla said, "I was not on the Plan Commission when the decision was made in December, but it was unanimously decided this is a permitted use and this is not really a zoning violation". Marcus stated, "I would be in favor of giving Matt Snow and Aaron Holverson some time to research for possible solutions for a plan to mitigate the smell and smoke". Snow said, "We don't want to be bad neighbors and we will try to speed up our plans to alleviate the situation". The Plan Commission, Snow, and Feick discussed a possible timeline for the new equipment for an indoor process. Marcus asked Feick for patience while Snow and Holverson formulate a plan for a solution everyone can be happy with. No action was necessary regarding this item.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on the consideration of amendment to Section 2, Element 3 & 7 of the Village of Spring Green Comprehensive Plan. The Plan Commission reviewed the proposed amendments from the previous month's meeting. Motion by Prem, second by Hausner to recommend proposed amendments to Section 2, Element 3 & 7 of the Village of Spring Green Comprehensive Plan for Village Board Approval. Motion passed with all in favor.
- 7. General Public Comment: There was no general public comment at this time.
- 8. Adjourn. Motion by Vernon, second by Hutnik, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.