

MINUTES

REDFORD TOWNSHIP SITE COMMITTEE

Wednesday – May 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Redford Township Site Committee was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Leo Snage Public Services Building at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan. The meeting was called to order by Sean Griffin.

ROLL CALL:

Sean Griffin, Chairman	Present
David Allen, Secretary	Present
Michael Dennis, Director of Public Services	Present
Jeff Corbin, Building Department Superintendent	Absent
AJ Thomas, Fire Inspector	Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: May 10, 2023

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>SITE #</u>	<u>BUSINESS NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>ZONING</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
23-0044	TNT Fireworks Tent 9323 Telegraph Road	C-2	Fireworks Tent

Chuck Friese (617 Oklahoma Dr., Three Rivers). Similar to the last two years a fireworks tent with storage at night time. The only minor thing different from before was he is going to put the container more to the west in the parking lot, not on the gravel where it was last year on the corner. They were looking to open up around June 16/17 for the Juneteenth holiday, probably not selling the next couple of days until the following weekend. They would lock it up for a couple of days & not sell for the full duration of that timeframe, basically the weekends. Mr. Griffin when do you want to close; Mr. Friese last day should be the fourth of July. Being a Tuesday this year, he doesn't see much activity. Hours would be 9-10pm, 7 days. Mr. Griffin all his insurances are here. The photo shows the new location of the container, so he can cart it in & out of the tent a little easier on the rouge gravel. It is a Conex box, 40ft. Mr. Griffin did you have security at night; Mr. Friese just the Conex box. He thinks there is a patrol person over there in the plaza; Inspector Thomas they have security there & he is pretty on it.

Mr. Allen asks about his water barrels, did you have them last year? Mr. Friese has the orange traffic around the fence posts 10ft. away from the tent to give clearance for the state requirement to park vehicles. Yes, he thinks he had 6-7 around that corner of the tent.

Mr. Dennis you will be open from when to when; Mr. Friese they were looking to be inspected on 6/16, sell thru 6/19, take a couple days off, keep everything locked up in the box, then restarting around 6/22 going thru 7/4. Mr. Dennis you will be cleaned up on 7/5; Mr. Friese they should be. He doesn't think his tent company will be able to take it down completely on 7/5 but the end of that week. Mr. Dennis when will you stop sales; Mr. Friese 7/4. Mr. Dennis roughly from 6/22 thru 7/4; Mr. Friese correct, maybe a few days earlier. Mr. Griffin he would like to open 6/16 & 17 & then close again until 6/22 to clarify; open a few days the middle of June, shut down a couple days, then open back up. Mr. Dennis you will have

garbage cans there & take your garbage away daily; Mr. Friese correct. They will take care of trash & keep it nice. Mr. Dennis are you on site there or others; Mr. Friese others. He is the manager, coordinates different tents around. Mr. Dennis do you or your company have any intention of growing, selling, transporting, testing any marijuana-based products within the medical or recreational marijuana industry? Mr. Friese no sir. It is illegal to have a marijuana-based business in a commercial or industrial building/property within Redford Township. For the record, this applicant has stated that they have no intention of taking part in any aspect of the marijuana business at this property.

Inspector Thomas no questions; he had a good set-up last year.

Mr. Griffin are these photos from last year; Mr. Allen asked you about water barrels around the tent. Do you have water barrels around the tent? Mr. Friese that tent specifically is staked to the ground, so he doesn't have actual water barrels on-site. He had like big on the highway round barrels to keep cars from pulling right up with caution tape in between. Mr. Griffin is there anything in those barrels; Mr. Friese no, they are simply weighted by the rubber mat, they are construction. Mr. Griffin our state tree! He is good with that.

Mr. Dennis so we are not mandating that he has water barrels; we have been doing for all the other applicants. Mr. Griffin good point. Mr. Dennis you are supposed to have drums of water around the facility, not the orange barrels. Mr. Griffin in lieu of orange barrels 55-gallon drums of water; that will be the barrier for a car to pull up to close. Mr. Friese to stop a moving car. Mr. Griffin or we would accept 12" curbs. Discussion. Mr. Friese the barrels was in reference to the weighting of the tent. Mr. Griffin no, it has nothing to do with the tent. It is to keep somebody from having a mistake or driving into the tent for no reason. Mr. Friese do you have a required separation of them? Mr. Griffin probably like every 6ft., whatever we can do to keep a car from getting in between. Mr. Dennis they are water so in case of a fire, you have water there as well. Mr. Friese what size barrels; Mr. Griffin 55-gallon drums. Mr. Dennis we have been doing them so there is water there, they are filled up, they are safer. If a car is going to hit coming off West Chicago, hit into your tent-site, it is just going to hit that orange barrel right into your site. If they hit that 55-gallon drum, it is going to take an effect to hopefully stop the car, slow it down. Discussion about site & placement of barrels, last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis, supported by Mr. Allen, to approve TNT fireworks tent at 9323 Telegraph Road in parking lot, subject to:

1. Necessary permits and inspections
2. Applicant to supply 55-gallon drums of water on the N & W side of this site
3. Container box to be W of the site
4. Parking to the S side of tent

All ayes. Motion carried.

23-0045

**Slims Memorial Stone LLC
12164 Wormer**

M-2

New Occupancy

Joe Slim (1736 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Hgts.) and Mohammed Slim (18745 Gary Lane, Livonia) father & son. They are looking to engrave & laser print on memorial stones, tombstones for cemeteries & the community. They are not doing any cutting of any stones; the stones come already pre-cut. They just put the stencil on and engrave & do laser cutting. Mr. Griffin you order them from somebody else, sized to whatever I order from you; applicants correct. Mr. Griffin comes in & you are doing the names, dates; applicants yeah, the details, the work. Mr. Griffin how many employees; applicants 4-5. Mr. Griffin hours of operation; applicants 9-5, 5 days, Monday thru Friday. Mr. Griffin when you are engraving on top of the stone, what does that entail, will you be creating dust, silica, all that stuff? Applicants it's a wet C&C machine so no dust, it is all absorbed in the water. It does laser & rotary engraving but it is all absorbed in the water so there is no dust going up in the air, nothing airborne.

Mr. Allen are you also doing plastics too or just stone; applicants just on the stones. Mr. Allen would there be any other materials that you are working with; applicants other than just the paint to use to fill in

the lettering that gets engraved, that would just be with a brush. Other than that, everything gets picked up around the truck & taken & installed at the cemeteries.

Mr. Dennis are you currently in business; applicants no. Mr. Dennis this is a new business; applicants correct. Mr. Dennis are you buying or leasing the building; applicants leasing with option to purchase anytime thru their lease. They have signed for 5 years. Mr. Dennis what kind of improvements are you going to make to the building; building looks a little tired, he is hoping they are going to put a little money into the building. Applicants the outside they are going to clean up the landscaping area, more presentable, change the front door. Some of the stuff, the owner has to fix it up to code with the "city". If anything that needs to come with the C of O on the owner side once inspections are done, they would get repaired & stuff. Anything they want to do in terms of making the building look more presentable, they may clean up the grass outside, changing the front door, inside painting, drywall. It is going to be used as a place for clients to give them payment & for them to do their work. There will not be a showroom or anything of that sort. Everything will be on booklets. Mr. Dennis the dock area looks a little tired too; the rails look a little bent out of shape, needs to be cleaned up a tad, etc. Applicants didn't notice that but they are sure they could work something out with the landlord. Mr. Dennis is there a dumpster on site; applicants there is not a dumpster. Mr. Dennis suspects they will have to find a way to have a dumpster placed on-site. He knows it is a little tight on the side street which is Capitol. On their other side, the Wormer side, he doesn't know if there is a place to put in within the dock area. You can't have it in front by the front door. Applicants don't see them needing a dumpster just because they are not cutting anything or doing anything of that sort, maybe just personal use of garbage. Mr. Dennis are you going to have waste; applicants just like if they were to have lunch or something because they are not cutting any stone, there is nothing that is going to waste. If they are required to have one, there may be some room in that alleyway, they had it there before, but when they signed the contract, it was gone. Mr. Dennis the building looks real tired, needs paint. All the windows have been blocked up, he would like to see them put in some glass block or something to spruce it up a little bit. If you are going to become a long-term tenant there, something that makes it attractive that other people want to move in there. If you just have a white-washed building with all the windows blocked up, it doesn't look as enticing to other companies to say "Hey, I want to move in there too, look what they are doing". Applicant for sure. If they end up purchasing the property, which they plan on doing in the near future, they are definitely going to make it more presentable, maybe change the windows out & get things going that way. But in terms of them throwing money into the building when the building is not theirs, replacing windows, certain things, he doesn't see them doing that. If the landlord is willing to get them replaced, by all means. They wouldn't want to put money into a building that is not theirs where the landlord is going to benefit. Mr. Dennis we do need to come up with something if there are not already garbage cans, you will have to have at least garbage cans; applicants OK. Mr. Griffin sees some in the photo; applicant they may be inside. Discussion. Applicants if they need them, they will get them, they have no problem. Mr. Dennis you can't have a lot of them because if you do, that means you are not using our system correctly, it means you have too much waste & you need to go to commercial size. Applicants don't see them having too much waste, but obviously if they do, they will get a dumpster. Mr. Dennis the business will be called Slims Memorial Stone; applicants correct. Mr. Dennis nice sign out front; applicants yep. They have to negotiate with the landlord to allow them to put a sign but yes they are looking at getting a sign. Mr. Dennis we are going to want you to put a sign up, guarantee it; applicants no problem. Mr. Dennis the reason is it shows other businesses that there is a business in there; applicants for sure. They have no problem putting a sign, they prefer it. Discuss signage. Mr. Dennis one last question, he is going to be very straightforward with them: Do you have any intention of growing, selling, transporting, testing any marijuana-based products within the medical or recreational marijuana industry? Applicants no. It is illegal to have a marijuana-based business in a commercial or industrial building/property within Redford Township. For the record, this applicant has stated that they have no intention of taking part in any aspect of the marijuana business at this property. Mr. Dennis one of the reasons why he is asking this question, we do ask every applicant is this building is prime for this type of business because we can't see in it. If we do find out that you are, you will be shut down. There are some folks over there that are doing this and we are in attempts of shutting down. Applicants to make it easier for them, it is against their religion; they won't be doing anything with that. Mr. Dennis just wants to make sure; applicants for sure.

Inspector Thomas if your building does not have a Knox Box on it, you will be required to get one for Fire Dept. access; explains.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, supported by Mr. Mike, to approve new occupancy, subject to:

1. Necessary permits and inspections
2. Applicant is using the rollout dumpster (carts); if there are any more than 3 carts, a dumpster enclosure will be required
3. Repair, reseal & restripe parking lot & dock area

All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Griffin explains the New Occupancy process, signage, permits. Encourage your landlord to put in some glass block windows; applicants they will. Mr. Griffin wishes them welcome & good luck.

23-0041 Backwood BBQ LLC C-1 New Occupancy
23245 Plymouth Road

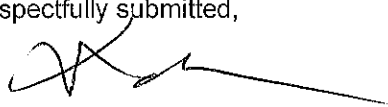
Applicant was unable to attend; will reschedule.

DISCUSSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis, supported by Mr. Allen, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2023 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Site Committee, **Mr. Dennis made a motion, supported by Mr. Allen, to adjourn the meeting.** All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Allen, Secretary

Note: As a general rule, the Site Committee members make on-site inspections of the properties placed on that week's agenda prior to their first meeting. Occasionally a re-inspection is required due to information supplied by the applicant at the meeting.

Recorded by: Lee Dodd