

Town of Burke
Plan Commission Minutes
March 8, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Vraniak (Chair), Steve Berg, Christie Legler, Jodi Nachtwey, Joan Stoflet, Marv Urban and George Walsh. Staff present: Brenda Ayers, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. See attached list for other interested parties in attendance.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vraniak.

2. Discuss/possible action on a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) submitted by Two Tall Distillery (TTD) to operate a distillery with onsite consumption of samples for the retail operations at 5353 Maly Road, Sun Prairie (parcel 0810-243-8895-3). Stephanie Farnia and Nick Hanson were present to represent the distillery. They along with their spouses are the owners of the business. Photos of the site were shared with the Plan Commission members. Nachtwey inquired about the additional parking referenced in the application. Farnia explained that the property owner (Mike Maly) has authorized parking behind the storage units nearby. Hanson explained that they have been planning for this type of business for five years and are interested in the distilling process. Farnia explained that the business partners have full time jobs and family and do not intend to have a large retail business. She further explained that the tasting room will hold up to 16 people. Hanson explained that they will sell to a distributor in Middleton but also want the ability to offer tastings and sell to individuals. Walsh inquired about advertising of the tasting and if it would include email blasts or other mass invitation methods. Farnia said they plan to hold tastings by invite or advance registration. She further explained that by law they are limited to offering samples of 1.5 oz per person per day. Walsh inquired about staffing. Farnia said that the business will be staffed by the owners and that initially all four owners will be on site during the hours they are open to the public. Farnia also explained that the still is operated by “iStill” and can be monitored off site. Vraniak inquired about the source product. Hanson said they will obtain raw ingredients from local vendors to make their own mash and added that there will be no open flames or malt used in the process. Urban inquired about waste disposal. Hanson said that farmers use spent mash as feed. Walsh asked if they were looking to patent their process. Farnia explained that the focus has been the process and a lot of money has been put into the equipment. Vraniak asked if a tavern license would be required from the Town. Ayers explained that distillery retail licenses are issued by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, not the local municipality. Berg inquired about the second floor. Hanson said that the upstairs will be an office and the federal permit does not allow tastings on the second floor. Nachtwey inquired about outdoor consumption. Hanson said they intend to do all tastings inside the building. Vraniak inquired about security

systems. Hanson explained that it is a requirement of the federal permit to have a security system.

Ayers noted that the Plan Commission was presented with a draft motion to recommend the approval of the CUP with conditions and explained that the commission could 1) move to deny and not adopt the resolution 2) adopt the resolution as presented or 3) adopt the resolution with revisions.

Motion: Walsh/Legler to adopt the Resolution 03082017 with revisions as follows: condition 1) add 5353 Maly Road, first floor inside only; condition 2) add remain compliant with State and Federal rules; condition 3) add currently 1.5 ounces per person per day ; condition 5) add never to exceed limit imposed by Fire Inspector. Motion carried.

3. Update on the DeForest ETZ. Has not met.
4. Approval of minutes from February 8, 2017. Motion: Stoflet/Walsh to approve the minutes with the correction that Walsh was not present (he was listed as present and absent). Motion carried.
5. Adjourn. Motion: Legler/Stoflet to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Brenda Ayers
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer
05/03/2017