



Minutes

Board of Directors

Grand Haven Main Street

August 12, 2021

Council Chamber, 519 Washington Avenue

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Todd Anthes at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Todd Anthes, Bob Warren, Bob Monetza, Cara Galbavi, Sharon Behm, Joyce Workman, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Carolyn Taylor, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Jude Boyle

Also Present: Mike Dora, Jeremy Swiftney, Pat McGinnis

Call to Audience/Public Comments

None

Acceptance of Regular and Consent Agenda

Motion by Bob, second by Sharon, to accept the Consent and Regular Agendas as presented on today's agenda. Motion Carries.

Call to Audience

No comments.

Acceptance of the Consent and Regular Agenda

Motion by Sharon to accept the Consent and Regular Agendas, second by Kristen. Motion carries

Consent Agenda

Review and accept minutes from July 8th Board Meeting and accept financial report from July 2021.

Motion by Cara, second by Kristen to accept minutes from July 8, 2021 with corrections noted to identify which Bob (Bob Warren and Bob Monetza) made and seconded motion to accept June minutes and financial report from July 2021. Motion Carries.

Social District Presentation

Jeremy presented a deck of slides on current Social Districts in Michigan and establishments participating in Social Districts in Muskegon, Spring Lake and Holland. \$320 cost to each licensed establishment to Michigan Liquor Control. Establishments will need to purchase special cups, no more than 16 ounces, with logos showing social district and each separate license. He shared a map of the proposed district boundaries and the common areas where open containers would be permitted. The Recruitment and Retention and Executive Committees both recommend approval.



- Board members who sit on the Recruitment and Retention Committee commented that Jeff Hawke had made an impact with his statements about how Public Safety would plan to manage the district.
- There was concern about people bringing beverages into Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium during events when it would not be appropriate (Praise by the Pier). Also it will be confusing to the public if open containers are allowed most of the time but restricted part of the time.
- Seasonality – the current proposal is to establish the district as a year 'round designation.
- Individual stores would not have the option of permitting open containers, the proposed plan would not permit adult beverages into retail establishments.
- There will be some cost involved in implementation and management, when actual costs are more clear staff will report back to the MSDDA and City Council.

Motion by Chris to recommend approval of the social district to City Council as presented, second by Cara.

Yes: Todd Anthes, Bob Warren, Bob Monetza, Cara Galbavi, Sharon Behm, Joyce Workman, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Carolyn Taylor, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Jude Boyle

No: None

Motion carries.

Director's Report

- Michigan Main Street scheduled three Zoom meetings to review accreditation. Jeremy will share coordinates for those Board Members who would like to attend
- The Planning Commission met on Tuesday and seeks advice from the MSDDA on sign locations in the downtown districts. Will be discussed at committee level before presentation to the Board.
- There is fresh discussion about outdoor seating on public property and whether it will continue into future years.
- Sidewalk sales next weekend Friday August 20 and Saturday August 21.

Chair's Report

- Cara reported (Todd turned the gavel over at 8:05 a.m.) that there is concern about storefronts with callous or objectionable content. The various committees will discuss communications to building owners about complaints received.

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Mike Dora commented that he was concerned about allowing open containers into Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.



Director's Review

Jeremy requested that his evaluation be conducted in closed session.

Motion by Sharon second by Carolyn to enter closed session to consider the evaluation of the Executive Director per Sec. 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Motion carries.

Board reconvened in open session at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on September 9, 2021 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.