



**Village of Akron
Planning Board
Work Session/Meeting Minutes
Monday November 25, 2024**

Present: Chairman Brian Murray, Daniel Kowalik, Gregg Brown, Todd Glassman, Jeffrey Cheavacci, and Mary Jane Shonn.

Meeting: Started at 5:35 pm

Agenda Items:

- Planning Board Minutes from October 28, 2024: a motion by Gregg Brown and seconded by Daniel Kowalik to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.
- Cheree Caprio – DC Hardware – 69 Main St – New Business. Chairman Murray reviewed the written summary of the proposed business owner’s plans to open a hardware store to provide the community with basic tools, and home improvement supplies such as: hand tools, power tools, nails, screws, nuts & bolts as well as small equipment rentals. He asked the Board if they had any questions regarding this application. Daniel Kowalik had concerns whether this hardware store would carry gas powered rental equipment or flammable items. Mary Jane Shonn asked about the floor plan/layout of the store set-up. Chairman Murray questioned whether they were going to use the basement, if the first floor was structurally sound to hold the weight of the hardware and if the walls adjacent the neighboring store front fire rated . Member Cheavacci called Code Enforcement Officer Borth to see if he had answers which he did. He stated as per the Landlord no gas-powered rental equipment will be located at this site; no use of the basement and the adjacent walls are fire rated. The Clerk will ask the Business Owners for a floor plan/layout asap. With no further questions, the Chairman asked for a motion. Motion by Gregg Brown and seconded by Jeffrey Cheavacci to approve the new business with the following conditions: a floor plan/layout is submitted asap, no use of the basement area, no gas-powered rental equipment located at the site, and all flammable items kept in a fireproof case.
- Chairman Murray wanted to discuss the grant that the Village received to update Chapter 165 – Zoning. The Village only received one bid proposal from our RFP which came from Clark Patterson Lee. The Clerk will check with Erie County to make sure we can proceed with just one bid and if so, the process for the project will begin in January 2025.
- Chairman Murray also mentioned that there is nothing new with the Rock Oak of Akron project. They are still working through wetland issues with the NYSDEC.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board this evening, a Motion by Daniel Kowalik and seconded by Todd Glassman to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Approved.

Next Meeting January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian W Murray
Planning Board Chairman