

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: R. Hart; B. Fiala; C. Cox, G. Merhar, Vice Chairman
ABSENT: B. Irvine, Chairman
OTHERS: Mike Lucas, Ass't. Law Director; Jim Sayles, City Engr.;
Richard Smith, Chief Bdg. & Zoning Inspec.; Jerry Ranally,
Ward 3 Councilman; Don Lewis, Shade Tree Chairman; Greg
Patt, Sign Review Board; Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary

Vice Chairman Gerald Merhar called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

The legal notice was read into the record for the following:

G-WIZ BAR & GRILL	37638 Vine St.	CUP -
(Joe Myers)	37640 Vine St.	Sls/service
(Mark Tredanaro)	(former Laundromat)	alcohol bev.
		On-prem. Consump.
		O/D patio - covered
		O/D patio - open
		R-B dist.

The following spoke **FOR** the proposal.

Joseph Myers, Architect
38030 2nd St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Myers said that G-Wiz is under new management and the new name is **The Slate Bar & Grill**. They are expanding into the adjoining vacant laundromat by adding a patio in front of the vacant building of which half will be under cover with roll up walls and half will be uncovered. The uncovered patio will have rails and stone piers surrounding it. They will share parking with Dave's Auto Repair and J Performance, adjacent businesses. The four existing parking spaces in front will be turned around. No parking spaces will be lost because of the patio. The existing Skiff St. wide driveway will be narrowed down.

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The following spoke **AGAINST** the proposal.

Jerry Ranally
37832 Park Ave.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Jerry Ranally said he was not opposed to the plan but has concerns that were brought to the attention of the Board of Zoning Appeals at their September 22, 2010 meeting. The concerns were parking, noise emanating from inside when the doors were open, and concerns of the residents. Reins should be tightened on where the speakers will be and how late they are on. Mr. Ranally said he would like to see a fence at the rear of the building because of the dumpster and back door. Conditions need to be set that are enforceable and won't impact the neighbors adjacent to this property.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL FOR** the proposal.

Joseph Myers, Architect
38030 2nd St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Myers said that they had discussions at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and how the previous business took place. The air condition didn't work so the doors were opened for cross ventilation. The new owner is against having the back door open and it will be locked. The outside speaker will have piped in music. There will be no live music outside. Mr. Myers said the new owner will have a pool league with rules that can evict members from the league. The average age of pool members who come regularly to play pool is in the medium 30's on up. Last year one team had four guys in their 60's. Mr. Myers said there will be different clientele from the previous business. They had discussions with the neighbors after the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting last evening. They must have worked their concerns out because the neighbors are not present this evening.

Mr. Myers said that he hopes that the new business doesn't suffer from the sins of the previous owner.

Marin Simicevic, owner
1160 Twin Mill Lane
Munson Twp, Ohio

Mr. Simicevic said that he told the residents at last evenings Board of Zoning Appeals meeting that he will keep the doors closed. The

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doors will be locked after the garbage and thrash are taken out to the dumpster. He will have a door man that won't allow anyone outside with bottles, etc. Signs will be posted in the parking lot directing customers where to park. Mr. Simicevic said that he has zero tolerance for what was done when the bar was known as G-Wiz.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL AGAINST** the proposal.

Don Lewis
4620 Sherwin Rd.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Lewis who is on the Clean City Commission said that he is not against the proposal. Over the years Mr. Lewis said that he finds bars allowing customers to take bottled alcoholic drinks outside the bar. Mr. Lewis requests that the proprietor police the neighborhood so that the neighbors can enjoy their neighborhood.

There being no further business the public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

A tape of this public hearing is available for review in the office of the Planning Commission Secretary.

Gerald Merhar, Vice Chairman

Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary