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Dated: This 27th day of July, 2021.

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WHEREAS, the question of granting a special use permit and variation to 7013 N. Milwaukee Avenue, included in this ordinance, was referred to the Planning and Zoning Board for a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 12, 2021, after proper notice in a manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board has made a report, containing findings of fact and recommending the special use permit to allow a Reception Facility and a variation requiring retail uses in ground floor spaces within 250' of signalized intersections for the aforementioned 'Reception Facility' located at 7013 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL 60714; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village of Niles, Cook County, Illinois have duly considered said Planning and Zoning Board recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Niles, Cook County, Illinois, as a Home Rule Municipality, as follows:

SECTION 1: The materials and exhibits attached to this ordinance are incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: A special use permit as allowed in Appendix B, Section 8.2(A) to allow a 'Reception Facility' for property located at 7013 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL 60714, is approved.

SECTION 3: A variation from Appendix B, Section 5.2(A)(3) requiring retail uses in ground floor spaces within 250' of signalized intersections for the aforementioned 'Reception Facility' for property located at 7013 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL 60714, is approved.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED:

This 27th day of July, 2021

AYES:

4 Jekot, LoVerde, Niedermaier, Strzelecki

NAYS:

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ABSENT:

2 Matyas, McCreery

ABSTAIN:

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APPROVED by me this 27th day of July, 2021.

President of the Village of Niles Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED AND FILED in my office this 27th day of July, 2021, and published in pamphlet form as provided by law in the Village of Niles, Illinois.

Village Clerk



AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS:

HEARING DATE:

JULY 12, 2021

CASE NUMBER:

21-ZP-24 & 25

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7013 MILWAUKEE AVE

APPLICATION TYPE:

SPECIAL USE & VARIATION

Planning and Zoning Board

Agenda Item #2 July 12, 2021

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Attachment Number Description		Provided	Date
1	Staff Report to the Planning and Zoning Board	✓	
2	Location Map		
3	3 Special Use Application		
4	Applicant's Responses to the Requirements for Receiving a Special Use Permit		
5	Project Description	✓	
6	Golf Mill Tenant Space Map	✓	
7	Floor Plans/Build Out	/ /	1

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Michelle Ficco is proposing to open and operate an event space doing business as The Liven Room at 7013 Milwaukee Avenue, located in the Harts Plaza shopping center. The space will be used as "a small event venue for meeting/workshops, celebratory events, or creative projects." The applicant expects the space will host "smaller groups of forty people or less." Clients will be able to self-cater their events or have professional catering from nearby restaurants, and Ms. Ficco is working with the Assistant Liquor Commissioner to secure the proper licensing to allow BYOB. Events will be held between the hours of 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM, with no events ending later than 10:00 PM. Ms. Ficco will be the sole employee of The Liven Room.

ANALYSIS

Surrounding Land Uses:

Direction	Existing Zoning	Existing Use	Comprehensive Plan	
North	C-3, Milwaukee Ave Form-Based District	Commercial	General/Neighborhood Commercial	
South	C-3, Milwaukee Ave Form-Based District	Commercial	General/Neighborhood Commercial	
East	R-2-35B, Single-Family Residential District	Residential	Detached Single Family	
West	C-3, Milwaukee Ave Form-Based District/	St. Adalbert	Religious/Cemetery	
	P-I Public/Institutional Lands District	Cemetery		

ZONING AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The subject property is zoned C-3 'Milwaukee Avenue Form-Based District'. Per Section 8.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, 'Reception Facilities' require a Special Use Permit to operate in the C-2 District. The zoning code defines 'Reception Facility' as "A facility that provides hosting and rental services of a banquet hall or similar for private events including, but not limited to, wedding receptions, holiday parties, and fundraisers, with food and beverages that are prepared and served on-site or by a caterer to invited guests during intermittent dates and hours of

operation. Live entertainment may be provided as an ancillary use as part of an event. A reception facility is not operated as a restaurant with regular hours of operation."

Reception Facility' falls under the "service" category in Table 8-1: Use Matrix. Per Section 5.2(3), "Within the C-2, C-3, and C-4 Districts, ground floor uses at corners at intersections with traffic signals are limited to those listed under the "Retail" category in Table 8-1: Use Matrix. This limitation extends for 250 feet along the lot lines along each intersecting street and applies to any ground floor space where 50% or more of the space's frontage is located within this 250 foot measurement." As such, the applicant is seeking a Variation from this Section of the Zoning Ordinance.

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Village "develop a strategy to attract complementary businesses such as restaurants and entertainment uses. These uses help to create vibrant commercial areas where shoppers visit more often and stay longer."

Parking

Per Section 10.4 'Reception Facilities' require 10 parking spaces per 1,000 sf of gross floor area. The subject property is 1,176 square feet, requiring 12 spaces. When more than one use occupies the same lot, the number of required spaces is the sum of the separate requirements for each use. The Harts Plaza shopping center has 102 existing spaces, and its existing tenants only require 45 spaces. This being so, there is currently ample parking.

Unit	Tenant	SF	Use Type	Ratio	Required Parking
7007	Sherwin Williams	2,713	Retail	3/1000 sf gfa	8
7013	Proposed Reception Facility	1,176	Reception Facility	10/1000 sf gfa	12
7021	Vacant	1,377	-	-	0
7029	LevelUp Health & Fitness	1,800	Personal Service	4/1000 sf gfa	7
7033	El Spa	1,100	Massage Establishment	3/1000 sf gfa	3
7037	Vacant	-	=	-	0
7041	Flame On Peri Peri Grill	1,537	Restaurant	10/1000 sf gfa	15
Total Required					45

Requirements for a "Special Use" Permit

As required by Section 15.3(E) of the Village's Zoning Ordinance, the Petitioner is required to demonstrate that they meet the following Special Use criteria. The Planning and Zoning Board is encouraged to consider these standards as it discusses this request:

- Is the special use in the specific location proposed consistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance, the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and other adopted Village land use policies?
- Will the proposed special use endanger the public health, safety, and welfare?
- Is the proposed special use compatible with the general land use of adjacent properties and other property within the immediate vicinity?
- Is the proposed special use deemed necessary for the public convenience at the proposed location?

Requirements for Variations and Findings of Fact

Zoning Ordinance Appendix B, Section 15.4(D) provides the procedures for considering requested variations from the Village's zoning ordinance. Subsection (E) provides standards that must be satisfied in order to grant a variation, as follows:

- The strict application of the terms of this Ordinance will result in undue hardship, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, unless the specific relief requested is granted;
- The variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality;
- The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances inherent to the subject property, related to the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific property, and not from the personal situation of the owner and has not been created by any person presently having a proprietary interest in the property in question.

The Petitioner has provided a response to the aforementioned requirements, which have been included in the packet.

Critical Issues

Comments from Village Departments:

Police:

No concerns

Fire:

No concerns

Engineer:

No concerns

Community Development: No concerns

Legal Notification:

A legal notice was published in the Bugle on June 24, 2021 and notices to all owners of property within 250 feet were mailed on June 23, 2021. An on-site sign was placed on the property on June 25, 2021.

Other Actions:

The Planning and Zoning Board will make a recommendation on the requested special use permit and variations, and these recommendations are tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Village Board for a final decision on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Principal Parties Expected at Meeting:

- 1. Ms. Michelle Ficco, applicant and;
- 2. Owners of properties who received notification.

