

# Huntley Plan Commission recommends proposed microbrewery

Sew Hop'd Brewery, Union Special LLC plan to develop 2,700 square-foot facility

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Huntley residents could see a new microbrewery by the end of the year.

Huntley's Plan Commission recommended approval for a proposed brewery several blocks from the downtown area Monday. The concept first was proposed in 2017.

Sew Hop'd Brewery and Union Special LLC plan to develop a 2,700-square-foot facility that will include a microbrewery, outdoor beer garden and seating area off Fourth Street about a block west of Route 47. The facility would host tastings, produce craft beer and distribute to local restaurants. The brewery plans to rent space from Union Special LLC, which will fund site and building improvements.

Union Special, a sewing machine manufacturing company, has been operating in Huntley since 1949, documents show. Parts of the building date to the early 1900s.

Owners said the business wants to focus on contributing to the community and local economy. Commission member Darci Chandler said she appreciated the plans for building improvements.

"I like what you are going to be doing as far as upgrading the building and finishing the parking lot," she said.

The taproom will seat about 80 with room for an additional 30 to 40 people in the outdoor area. The facility won't offer on-site food preparation, but patrons can bring their own food or order from nearby places. The Village Board likely will consider the

application at its April 12 meeting.

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