

TOWN OF TRAPPE
PLANNING COMMISSION
TRAPPE TOWN OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Trappe Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Edgar Harrison. All members were present. Also present were Attorney Brynja Booth, Commissioner Don English, and Planner Jennifer Shull.

The minutes from the August 17, 2016 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Permits Pending: None

Permits Issued:

T-11-2016 McCracken-3916 Harrison Circle-Shed-\$1,450

T-12-2016 Rookard-3763 Seymour Dr-Solar-\$42,504

T-13-2016 Caroline Properties/Claggett-4313 Lovers Lane Unit 39-Fire Rebuild-\$22,750

Old Business:

Chairman Harrison deferred the old business so that Attorney Booth could present her ordinance and information as new business.

New Business:

Agricultural and Exotic Animals: Attorney Booth reminded the board that the Council had failed to approve the Chicken Ordinance, and instead introduced a Moratorium on Commercial Poultry Houses for six months. Following the public hearing and subsequent adoption the Planning Commission will need to take action on the item within that time period.

Additionally, Booth stated that the Council desired an ordinance prohibiting livestock in residential districts. This motion was amended to include the keeping of exotic animals. Booth presented a draft ordinance she has prepared that adds a definition of farm animals to include fowl or similar hooved animals. The draft states that these are only to be kept in the A or Agricultural district. This portion of the draft was agreeable to all.

Discussion ensued by the Chairman regarding the keeping of exotic animals. Booth stated this is regulated to a point by the State except when exotic animals are kept in a rescue type environment. An amendment to the draft was proposed that would permit the keeping of exotic animals in an animal sanctuary in an A district by special exception.

Motion by Bobby Quidas to amend the ordinance to include a special exception in the Agricultural District to permit an animal sanctuary as a special exception. Second by Les Groves. All in favor.

Sign Ordinance: Attorney Booth reviewed a revision to the proposed sign ordinance that Edgar Harrison proposed following the last Planning Commission meeting. Essentially it enhances the ordinance by eliminating the concern of regulating content raised by the Supreme Court.

Paragraph 11) Temporary Signs Strikes out language about election signs. Instead ALL temporary signs must be removed 30 days following the event or purpose for which the sign was placed.

Motion by Bobby Quidas to accept the revision and new section 3 of the proposed sign ordinance. Second by Donna Baynard. All in favor.

Discussion Items:

Planner Shull updated the members on her efforts to have the public bus system known as MUST, U-Star, DCT, etc post signs at their regular scheduled stopping points. The lack of a public transportation system, and lack of awareness of bus stops was mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan. Shull continues to work on this with Scott Warner.

Shull reported that State Highway had come to Trappe to discuss the concept plan for the sidewalk along Rt 565 and that they were winding up their investigations/evaluations. The closed sidewalk system has been fleshed out to a concept plan and a meeting with the property owners impacted by the potential construction, and or sidewalks will be called.

There was no other business before the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Jennifer Shull, Planner

Edgar Harrison, Chairman