

**AMHERST COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011  
MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA**

A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mitch Heishman, Vice-chairman  
George Brine  
Derin Foor  
Leslie Irvin  
Beverly Jones

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donald Hedrick, Chairman  
Donald Kidd, Board Liaison

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning  
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

**STAFF ABSENT:** Matthew Rowe, Planner/Assistant Zoning Administrator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice - Chairman Heishman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item number four (4), Wireless Facilities Text Amendment, was removed from the agenda. Mr. Bryant stated that a memo had been placed in front of each Commissioner from the County Attorney regarding the Wireless Ordinance.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Jones                      Moved to approve the agenda as amended.  
**Second:** Irvin  
**The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Irvin

Moved to approve Zoning Case # 2011-22 with staff recommendations.

**Second:** Jones

The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

**4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was a brief discussion regarding the outcome of the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting held on October 13, 2011.

Mr. Foor updated the Planning Commission on the first Business Taskforce Meeting. Mr. Foor stated that the Business Taskforce would be meeting the second Monday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room.

**5. ADJOURMENT**

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Jones

I move to adjourn.

**Seconded:** Foor

The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.



Vice - Chairman

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### **3. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

- A. Zoning Case # 2011-22 Request by William Page Jr., for a special exception request in the B-2 General Commercial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow an automotive repair garage. The property is located at 3975 South Amherst Highway and is further identified as tax map number 155-A-128.

Mr. Bryant presented to the Planning Commission the staff report. Mr. Bryant stated that if the Planning Commission were to approve the request, staff recommended conditions are as follows:

1. All outdoor lighting will be glare-shielded and directed so as to prevent illumination across the property line.
2. No miscellaneous items such as, but not limited to: tires, automotive parts, tools or similar items related to automotive repair shall be stored outside the building.
3. Hours of operation:
  - i. Monday – Saturday 7AM – 7 PM
  - ii. Closed on Sunday
4. Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant shall contact the Virginia Department of Transportation to determine if the existing entrances will require further review and to determine if they are adequate.
5. If an exterior trash disposal facility is added, it shall not reduce the number of total parking spaces below the eight (8) that are required. Trash disposal facilities shall meet all screening requirements as set forth in the Amherst County Landscaping Ordinance.

Mr. Brine asked if anything would be stored outside of the building. Mr. Bryant replied that no storage would be permitted outside; however vehicles that had been repaired would be parked outside until customers came to pick up.

Mr. Heishman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Paige, the applicant, stated that he agreed with the conditions.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the request.

There being no further speakers, Mr. Heishman closed the public hearing.