

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 15, 2013, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Irvin, Chairman
Derin Foor, Vice-Chairman
Donald Hedrick
Beverly Jones
Mitch Heishman
George Brine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Kidd, Board of Supervisors Liaison

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

STAFF ABSENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Special Exception – Public Hearing
 - A. 2013-12 Patricia Parrish
5. Old/New Business
6. Monthly Report for July 2013
7. Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2013.
8. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Heishman Motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A. 2013-12 Patricia Parrish

Request by Patricia Parrish for a special exception request in the R-2 General Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a day care center at the applicant's residence. The property is located at 2530 Galts Mill Rd and is further identified as tax map number 157-A-194.

Mr. Bryant presented the Staff report and concluded his comments by stating that Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Maximum Number of Children: The applicant shall provide care for a maximum of twelve (12) children under the age of thirteen (13), exclusive of the provider's own children and any children who reside in the home.
2. Septic System: The applicant shall consult with the Virginia Department of Health to ensure that the existing drain field is adequate to handle the increased capacity.
3. Licensing: Applicant shall comply with all other licensing requirements as required by any other local, State or Federal law.

Mr. Irvin asked about the number of staffing. Ms. Parrish replied that her husband and eighteen (18) year old daughter would help assist her.

Mr. Brine asked if the yard was fenced. Ms. Parrish replied that in the back yard there is a fenced in area for the children to play. Mr. Parrish stated that she would not be using the sides or front yard. Ms. Parrish also stated that the driveway is in the rear of the yard and that she does have cameras on the property for safety purposes.

Mr. Hedrick asked what the speed limit was in front of the home and if the boxwoods would prevent site distance from the driveway. Ms. Parrish stated thirty-five (35) miles per hour and described how cars would pull into the driveway and turn around for safety precaution. Mr. Bryant replied that there was a not a site distance issue with the applicants driveway from the road.

Ms. Jones complimented the property and stated that there was an ample amount of parking.

Mr. Irvin opened the public hearing.

The applicant, Patricia Parrish, spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in favor or opposition; therefore, Mr. Irvin closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Jones Make a motion that special exception request #
2013-12 Patricia Parrish be approved with staff
recommendations.

Second: Heishman
The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant recognized Mr. Hedrick and Mr. Heishman for their leadership, service, dedication and many accomplishments that they have helped contribute to the Planning Commission and Amherst County over the years.

A brief reception was held for their departure.

Mr. Bryant spoke on successful projects that Mr. Hedrick and Mr. Heishman had diligently worked on while on the Planning Commission.

6. MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2013

The monthly report for July 2013 was reviewed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2013

July 18, 2013 Minutes

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Foor Motion to approve the July 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Second: Heishman

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

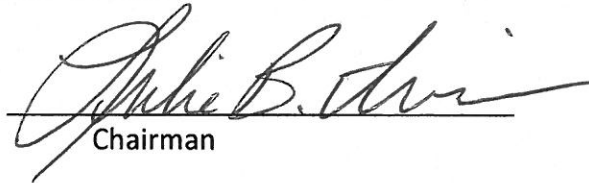
Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Hedrick Motion to adjourn.

Second: Heishman

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

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Chairman