

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Hedrick, Chairman
Mitch Heishman, Vice-chairman
Leslie Irvin
Derin Foor
George Brine, Jr.
Beverly Jones
Donald Kidd, Board Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning
Matthew Rowe, Planner/Assistant Zoning Administrator
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Heishman

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

3. SUBDIVISION PLAT

A. Indiana Thurston and Joe Tyler Estate

Request submitted by Leslie Peters (Wingfield Real Estate) for approval of a preliminary plat for a four (4) lot subdivision located on Partridge Creek Road (State Route 670). The total project area is 26.698 acres. The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural Residential District and is further identified as tax map number 125-A-102.

Mr. Rowe presented to the Planning Commission the staff report and stated that staff recommends that the preliminary subdivision plat be approved.

The Planning Commission had general discussion regarding the plat.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin

Motion to approve the preliminary plat for the Thurston and Joe Tyler Estates.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant stated that Mr. Rowe provided in the Planning Commission packet for May 19, 2011 examples of landscaping regulations from other jurisdictions, with a memorandum that summarized the regulations. Mr. Bryant explained to the Planning Commission that the item will be for discussion on the May 19, 2011 agenda.

Mr. Hedrick would like to set up a date after the meeting regarding the subcommittee for the Ridgeline Overlay.

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Bryant stated that as seen from last year's numbers, zoning permits usually gradually increase from January to June, with June being one of the busiest months.

Mr. Hedrick asked for an update on the proposal staff previously brought to the Planning Commission that allows the County to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation to remove illegal signs on the right-of-way. Mr. Bryant explained that staff was researching other localities to better understand the process.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 07, 2011

Several changes were made to the minutes.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Foor

Make a motion to approve the minutes for April 07, 2011 with the modified changes.

Second: Heishman

The motion carried by a 6-0

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Jones


I move to adjourn.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN