

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
MINUTES**

VIRGINIA

A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Brine, Chairman
Michael Martineau, Vice Chairman
Beverly Jones
Jim Thompson
Derin Foor
Lillian Floyd
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

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

STAFF ABSENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Public Hearing - Special Exception
 - A. 2016-14 William P. Swisher
5. Old/New
6. Approval of Minutes for October 20, 2016
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bryant stated that there was an error on the agenda. Mr. Bryant stated that item 4(A) was to read: "Slusher" not "Swisher."

The amended agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve the amended agenda.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A. 2016-14 William Slusher

Request by William P. Slusher for a special exception request in the RMU-1 Residential Mixed Use District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow an automotive repair garage.

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

1. All outdoor lighting will be glare-shielded and directed 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-Friday 7AM-7PM
 - ii. Closed on Saturday and 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 are safe and adequate.
5. Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant shall contact the Virginia Department of Health to determine if the drainfield is adequate.
6. If an exterior trash disposal facility is added, it shall be screened by a solid wooden fence that fully shields the view of the trash disposal facility.
7. All vehicles waiting repair shall be placed in a designated parking area. The maximum time any vehicle can be on the parcel is 120 days.

8. A total of eight (8) vehicles may be stored outside.
9. Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, all of the conditions listed above shall be met.

Mr. Brine opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in opposition; therefore, Mr. Brine closed the public hearing.

The Planning Commission had a brief discussion regarding cleaning up the adjoining lot. The applicant assured the Commission that the property owner would clean up the lot and that this was part of his agreement.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve #2016-14 William P. Slusher for an automotive repair garage in the RMU-1 Residential Mixed Use District with staff conditions.

Second: Thompson

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Bryant stated that this request will go to the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 20, 2016.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant updated the Planning Commission on the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee (Madison Heights) and stated that the group would meet again Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Bryant informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors approved the draft for the Wireless Broadband Ordinance. The Planning Commission had a brief discussion.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2016

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Thompson Motion to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2016 with changes.

Second: Floyd

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Thompson Motion to adjourn.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.



Chairman

/ss/11.28.16