

**Prince Edward County Planning Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

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| Members Present: | John Prengaman, Chair | John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr., Vice Chairman |
|  | Donald Gilliam | Preston L. Hunt |
|  | Robert “Bobby” Jones | Clifford Jack Leatherwood |
|  | Whitfield M. Paige | Teresa Sandlin |
|  | Cannon Watson |  |
| Absent: | Mark Jenkins |  |
| Staff Present: | Robert Love, Planning/Zoning Director |  |

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Chairman Prengaman called the July 21, 2020 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then reviewed the process for the meeting.

**In Re: Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2020**

Commissioner Jones made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Peery, to approve the meeting minutes from June 16, 2020 as presented; the motion carried:

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| Aye: | Donald Gilliam | Nay: | (None)  |
|  | Preston Hunt |  |  |
|  | Robert M. Jones |  |  |
|  | Clifford Jack Leatherwood |  |  |
|  | Whitfield M. Paige |  |  |
|  | John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr. |  |  |
|  | John Prengaman |  |  |
|  | Teresa Sandlin |  |  |
|  | Cannon Watson |  |  |
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| Absent: | Mark Jenkins |  |  |

**In Re: Public Hearing - Special Use Permit, 24’ Tall Advertising Sign**

Chairman Prengaman announced this was the date and time scheduled for a Public Hearing on a request from Mr. Michael Pisa for a Special Use Permit to allow for the installation of a freestanding business sign (24) twenty-four feet in height on Tax Map Parcel 022-A-95 / 022-A-96, with an address of 2967 West Third Street, Farmville, VA. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, July 8, 2020 and Wednesday, July 15, 2020 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Robert Love, Planning and Community Development Director, said the County has received a request for a Special Use Permit to allow for the installation of a freestanding business sign (24) twenty-four feet in height on Tax Map Parcel 022-A-95 / 022-A-96, with an address of 2967 West Third Street, Farmville, VA. This parcel is located in the C-1 (General Commercial) zoning district. Prior to installation of a sign exceeding (16) sixteen feet in height requires approval of a Special Use Permit in this zoning district.

Mr. Love said the purpose of the Special Use application is to allow for the installation of a sign (24) twenty-four feet in height. County staff is of the opinion the use is compatible with the zoning district and will have minimal impact on surrounding properties. He said this is to relocate the sign from the Town to the County. There were no comments received by phone or written by mail or email.

Mr. Love said Mr. Michael Pisa is on the phone to answer any questions that may arise.

Chairman Prengaman opened the public hearing.

Michael Pisa said he wishes to relocate the existing sign, which is 25’ high, to the new location in the County and will cut the sign to 24’ in height to meet County zoning requirements.

There being no one further wishing to speak, Chairman Prengaman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jones stated there are other similar signs in the area and sees no issue with this relocation.

Commissioner Watson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve for recommendation of the Special Use Permit to the Board of Supervisors to allow for the installation of a freestanding business sign (24) twenty-four feet in height on Tax Map Parcel 022-A-95 / 022-A-96, with an address of 2967 West Third Street, Farmville, VA; the motion carried:

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| Aye: | Donald Gilliam | Nay: | (None)  |
|  | Preston Hunt |  |  |
|  | Robert M. Jones |  |  |
|  | Clifford Jack Leatherwood |  |  |
|  | Whitfield M. Paige |  |  |
|  | John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr. |  |  |
|  | John Prengaman |  |  |
|  | Teresa Sandlin |  |  |
|  | Cannon Watson |  |  |
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| Absent: | Mark Jenkins |  |  |

**In Re: Review of Supervisors Actions**

Mr. Love reported the Board of Supervisors approved the Rock & Metal Camp; the IDA request to rezone from A-2 to C-1; the IDA request to amend the Prince Edward County Zoning Ordinance to allow Data Centers; the request by Llewellyn/Northam Manufacturing & Firearm Sales, LLC to amend the Zoning Ordinance, adding ammunition and firearm manufacturing in the Industry, Type I use definition and allow operation by Special Use Permit in the C-1, General Commercial zoning district, and approved the manufacturing facility with conditions. Mr. Love said the Board also approved the amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance regarding alternative energy, and removed the one-mile limit, and amended the maximum density use restriction of 2.5% of land to 5%.

Commissioner Jones stated the Special Use Permits can still allow for limitations and conditions on the applications. Mr. Love said it was not approved as by-right use but as a special use and setbacks and buffers can be dealt with on an application by application basis, and that it is effective immediately.

Mr. Love reported the Dowler’s campground project was approved; he said the owners sought an attorney’s counsel for any legality on the easement, and reported the Dowlers will be working to get any permits necessary, copies of which will be shared with the office to include in their file. He added the Dowlers will be working with an engineer to apply for the permits.

Commissioner Jones stated Damien Fehrer and DMME inspected the Luck Stone Quarry and approved of how Luck Stone is handling things for the quarry operation itself; Commissioner Jones said DMME reported Luck Stone is in compliance, but there were areas in which things could be done better.

Chairman Prengaman asked if DMME has reported on the mining site; Mr. Love said there is no word on that inspection at this time.

Commissioner Peery questioned the status of the trailer park. Mr. Love reported the Board approved the trailer park; he said the County Administrator had been to the site and the owner is doing clean-up and will apply for the building permits when the time comes.

**In Re: Old Business**

(None)

**New Business**

(None)

Chairman Prengaman adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

**Next Meeting: August 18, 2020**