

TOWN OF TRAPPE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 16, 2023

Meeting – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Edgar Harrison. Planning Commission members Scott Metje, Bobby Quidas, Ben Diefenderfer and Brian Schmidt were present. Other attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Erin Braband, Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan and Town Planner Peter Johnston.

Review of Minutes

The minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business

None

New Business

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)

The Planning Commission discussed the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance that Talbot County has asked the Town's to consider adopting. After discussion the Planning Commission members agreed that the Town already has adequate measures in place to handle future development and do not see the need to consider adopting an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

Commission/Staff items

Commissioner Schmidt stated that the Town Council is considering placing a 9-month moratorium on applications, site plans, permits for, construction or operation, processing of and approving businesses engaged in the manufacture or sale of cannabis for recreational or medicinal use within the Town at their June meeting. The moratorium will allow the Town time to consider and implement certain restrictions on where and under what circumstances such businesses may locate in Town to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the residents. The Planning Commission is in the process of revising the entire Zoning Ordinance and cannabis is discussed on page 95 of the revision. Additional modifications need to be made to this revision for cannabis but this is a good starting point.

Administrator Braband stated that an Airbnb was discovered in Town and the Town does not currently allow Airbnb's in Town. The owner was told that he needed to stop renting the house out and it was suggested to them that they attend the June 14th Planning meeting to discuss a possible short term rental program with the Planning Commission.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator