

TOWN OF TRAPPE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
TRAPPE TOWN HALL

January 15, 2019

7:00 PM

The meeting of the Trappe Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Edgar Harrison. Other members present were Bobby Quidas and Norm Fegel. Also present were Zoning Administrator Cheyenne Cowell, Administrator Erin Braband, Peter Johnston, and Don English.

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes from December 18, 2018 were approved as presented.

**Old Business**

Comprehensive Plan Update – Peter Johnston

Peter Johnston presented a completed draft of the Comprehensive Plan (filed in the records) to the Commissioners. Mr. Johnston stated that the next step in the process would be to send the draft to the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) for an A95 review. MDP will send the draft to state and local agencies for their 60-day review. During the review period, the Planning Commission will respond to any questions raised. After the review period, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing, and then make a recommendation to the Council for adoption by ordinance or resolution.

Mr. Johnston then asked the Commissioners for their comments. The Commissioners discussed the Transportation Element, and Chairman Harrison asked if it was always necessary to have a sidewalk on a minor residential street. Mr. Johnston stated that it is necessary in most cases, but it ultimately depends on the design and function of the street.

Commissioner Quidas noted that a correction should be made on page 55, stating that the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company does not have a 5,000 gallon tanker, they have a 3,500 gallon tanker. Commissioner Quidas also stated that the fire company does not have an ambulance, but Trappe is serviced by 24/7 Talbot County EMS on site at the fire house.

Commissioner Fegel stated that a correction should be made to show that Trappe has 8 pumping stations, not 7. Administrator Braband stated that she would send Mr. Johnston details

about the Shelby Acres pumping station. Administrator Braband stated that a correction should be made on page 71 to show “81,500 gallons per day”, instead of “81.5 gallons per day”.

Chairman Harrison asked if a statement about streamlining the Zoning Ordinance could be added to Chapter 10. Mr. Johnston stated that the Planning Commission may want to survey the community before changing the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Johnston said that a good question to ask the community is, “What would you do with your property if there was no zoning?” The question could be sent out in a survey in the water bills or through Survey Monkey. Chairman Harrison stated that he would like to make the Council aware of this at their next meeting.

**New Business**

None

**Staff Items**

None

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheyenne Cowell

Zoning Administrator