

TOWN OF TRAPPE
PLANNING COMMISSION
TRAPPE TOWN OFFICE

JUNE 15, 2016
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Trappe Planning Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Edgar Harrison. Members present were Norm Fegel, Donna Baynard and Les Groves. Bobby Quidas was absent. Also present were Don English and Planner Jennifer Shull.

The minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Permits Pending: None

Permits Issued: T-03-2016 Harrigan-3872 Main St-Screen Porch
T-04-2016 Richard-3883 Rumsey Dr-Solar
T-05-2016 Diefenderfer-4080 Main St-New Home

Old Business:

Chairman Harrison signed the building permit T-05-2016 for Ashleigh Diefenderfer for the construction of a new house at 4080 Main Street as all the requirements have been met.

New Business:

Annual Report 2015-Planner Shull reviewed the report of 2015 that is required to be submitted annually to the Maryland Department of Planning. The report marks benchmarks, and indicates the number of new residential homes built for that period. There were none in 2015. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Council for their information.

Motion by Mr. Fegel Second by Mrs. Baynard to accept the report and forward to the Maryland Dept of Planning, and copy to the Town Council.

Groves-Aye Fegel-Aye Harrison-Aye Baynard-Aye Quidas-Absent
Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

White Marsh Elementary School-Covered walkways. Planner Shull shared a concept plan received in the office yesterday from the Talbot Board of Education for the construction of awnings/covered walkways that would join the portable classrooms and the main school building. The red line outlines the proposed location of the covered walkways. The BOE will return to the office with construction plans for a permit. No action was requested by the Planning Commission. The plan was shared as information only.

Chickens in Residential Districts-A letter was received from RD Diefenderfer after the agenda deadline requesting the Planning Commission consider language that would permit the keeping of Chickens for personal enjoyment in all residential districts. The item was presented for discussion. Planner Shull stated that currently there is one property in non-compliance. She then shared a draft ordinance for consideration that described under what circumstances the keeping of chickens might be permitted in the residential districts.

Discussion arose about noise, disease, compliance with regulations. Regulating vs prohibiting. There was some discussion that if chickens were permitted would others then want to keep goats, pigs, etc. in their homes as well. Should a No-Hove ordinance be considered or was plainer language needed to clarify the current prohibition.

Following considerable discussion, it was agreed to place the item on the July Agenda for further consideration.

There was no other business before the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jennifer Shull, Planner

Edgar Harrison, Chairman