

Minutes of Meeting
Perkasie Planning Commission
June 26, 2019

620 W. Chestnut Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

Attendance:
Planning Commission

Carolyn McCreary
Barbara Faust
Scott Bomboy
Sally Carr
Heather Nunn
Steven Pizzollo (Absent)
Kevin Morrow
Dan O'Connell (Absent)
Dave McCreesh

Borough of Perkasie:

Debbie Sergeant, Code Enforcement Admin.
Tracy Tackett, Borough Planner
Douglas Rossino, Borough Engineer (Absent)
Michael J. Meginniss, Borough Solicitor (Absent)

Carolyn McCreary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and it was acknowledged there was a quorum and business before the Commission.

Public Forum

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Barbara Faust, seconded by Kevin Morrow, the Planning Commission meeting minutes of the May 8, 2019 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Short Term Lodging / Air BnB and Bed and Breakfast

The Commission discussed the difference between Bed and Breakfast and short term lodging and came up with different standards for each one. Length of stay, owner occupied units versus non owner occupied units, attached and detached units, parking requirements such as on street parking and off

street parking, consideration of zoning districts other than the C-2 and R-3, number of bedrooms to be rented, number of people per bedroom and the regulation of bathrooms. The subject of annual license and annual inspections was discussed as well. Tracy will have something for our next meeting.

Urban Farming/Agriculture

This discussion was carried over from our last meeting. Commercial breeding for fur bearing animals was discussed and a definition was agreed on. Chicken/Fowl was discussed and the area for Fowl will be two (2) square feet per bird in the coop and four (4) square feet per bird in the run is a reasonable standard. Roosters and guinea fowl are not permitted. A definition for Fowl was discussed and agreed on. Use and regulations were agreed on as to how many birds may be kept and what zoning district that they can be kept in as well as setbacks. Zoning permits are needed to keep fowl and no free range chickens are permitted. Bee Keeping standards were talked about. Definitions, Registration, certification and permits standards were set. The last topic was Bats. To encourage native bats in the Borough, residents may install no more than two (2) bat houses on their property as long as they follow the standers set by the Borough.

Model Design Guidelines

Design guidelines for new developments discussed and Barb Faust and Scott Bomboy both feel that this is a good idea. The Planning Commission decided to wait until the History Study of Town Center is done and then discuss the issue further.

NEW BUSINESS:


None

Other Business

Barb Faust brought up the passing of our Police Chief Steve Hillias. Carolyn McCreary spoke briefly about how Chief Hillias was such an important part of the Borough and community and how much he will be missed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Scott Bomboy, Seconded by Heather Nunn the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.



Scott Bomboy - Secretary