

**CECIL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
20 November 2006**

**Present:** Bowsbey, Joyce; Brown, Josh; Clark, Mark; Doordan, B. Patrick; Knutsen, Robert; Mortimer, William; Houston, Clifford; Sennstrom, Eric

**Absent:** Kilby, Phyllis

**Call to Order:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Joyce Bowsbey to approve the October 2006 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by B. Patrick Doordan. All in favor of motion to approve, motion carried.

**Capital Improvement Program:** Al Wein, County Administrator appeared to present the Cecil County 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Wein introduced members of the CIP committee (Matheu J. Carter – Capital Facilities Administrator; W. Scott Flanigan – Director DPW; Maj. Bernard Foster – Detention Center Director; Pam Howard – Cecil County Treasurer; Frank Muller – Director Emergency Services; Eric Sennstrom – Director Planning & Zoning; Craig W. Whiteford – Budget Manager). Mr. Wein summarized the contents of the CIP and provided elucidation as to why the projects contained within were included. Mr. Carter provided edification on the water and wastewater initiatives and Mr. Flanigan provided enlightenment on the Public Works section. Discussion ensued regarding funding methods and project priorities. Mr. Whiteford provided a soliloquy on funding the CIP and the County's fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers.

Dr. Pannill, Chris Valuckas and Tom Howard from Cecil Community College appeared to urge the Planning Commission to recommend full funding of their CIP projects to the Board of County Commissioners with emphasis on the Physical Education building.

Motion made by William Mortimer to recommend approval of the CIP to the Board of County Commissioners conditioned on revisiting the Community College portion and an assessment of school impacts in the out years. Motion seconded by B. Patrick Doordan. All in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

**Agricultural Preservation Districts:** Eric Shertz appeared to present the applications to form agricultural districts. Mr. Shertz stated that the application of Robert McCauley has been withdrawn. Mr. Shertz presented the applications of Richard Peterson containing 27 acres on Kirk Road, Palmarino & Dorothy Maccari containing 46 acres on Telegraph Road, John T. Milburn containing 80 acres on Little Elk Creek Road, Lawrence Birney containing 44 acres on Brewster Bridge Road, three districts of Alvin & Jean Major containing 420 acres on Randalia Road, and Robert Jackson containing 237 acres on Kirk Road.

Alice Arbuckle appeared to speak in opposition to the Lawrence Birney application. Karen Peterson, Robert Porter and Tom Poteet appeared to speak in favor of the applications.

Motion made by Robert Knutsen to recommend approval of all eight (8) applications. Motion was seconded by Mark Clark. All members in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

### **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS**

**FILE 3265:** Richard T. Wilson appeared to request a renewal of his special exception to operate a home occupation at 19 Granite Run Drive, Conowingo. Mr. Wilson summarized his business activities over the past two (2) years. No one appeared to speak in favor or in opposition to this request.

Motion made by Joyce Bowsbey to recommend approval as long as the applicant owns the property and operates the business. Motion was seconded by B. Patrick Doordan. All members were in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

**FILE 3269:** Susan A. Shackleton appeared to present her request to establish a home occupation for an art studio in her home at 500 Elk Mills Road in Elk Mills. Ms. Shackleton summarized her proposal and discussion ensued regarding her proposed activities. No one appeared to speak in favor or in opposition to the request.

Motion made by B. Patrick Doordan to recommend approval for two (2) years. Motion was seconded by William Mortimer. All members were in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

**FILE 3271:** Johanna & Kathleen Dougherty appeared to present their request to retain a doublewide manufactured home for hardships purposes. Ms. Dougherty stated that her mother still has medical issues that need her to be close by. No one appeared to speak in favor or in opposition.

Motion made by B. Patrick Doordan to recommend approval as long as the applicant owns the property and the mother resides in the manufactured home. Motion was seconded by Mark Clark. All members were in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

**FILE 3272:** Daniel Rene Booth appeared to present his request to place a double wide manufactured home on his property at 1728 Biggs Highway Rising Sun for a hardship involving his parents. Mr. Booth provided information concerning the situation with his parents. No one appeared to speak in favor or in opposition to the request.

Motion made by William Mortimer to recommend approval for two (2) years. Motion was seconded by Mark Clark. All members were in favor of motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

**FILE 3273:** John G. Trupkiewicz appeared to request a renewal of his special exception to operate a home occupation at 2146 Jacob Tome Highway in Port Deposit. Mr. Trupkiewicz summarized his activities over the past two (2) years and provided a description of the consulting business. No one appeared to speak in favor or in opposition to his request.

Motion made by William Mortimer to recommend approval for as long the applicant owns the property and operates the business. Motion was seconded by Mark Clark. All members were in favor of the motion to recommend **approval**. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 18 December 2006, 7:00 p.m., Courtroom One, 129 East Main Street, Elkton, MD.

Respectfully submitted:

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Director – Planning & Zoning