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MINUTES
HABERSHAM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 2, 2024

The Habersham County Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at the Habersham County Courthouse, located at 295 Llewellyn St. in Clarkesville, Georgia.

Planning Commission Members Present: Greg Hill, D. Higgins, Mike VanWinkle, Jim Kiger, & Derick Canupp.

Also, present was Mike Beecham, Planning & Development Director, Troy Dills, Habersham County Planner, & Habersham County Attorney, Ralph Taylor.

Commissioners Jessie Owensby and Jason Smith were unable to attend.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman D. Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Commissioner Derick Canupp.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved without change.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CU-24-07: Celeste Wood is seeking a Conditional Use to operate a Dog Kennel & Training Facility on their property. The tract is located at 786 Stonepile Rd. and is further identified as map 065 Parcel 155A.

After the proposal was presented, the applicant was given a chance to speak.

Ms. Wood began to speak about the proposal and what her plans were. She plans to use the property for a Dog Kennel & Training Facility. They currently have (9) German Shepherds on the property that are their own. Plans are to increase the facility from (9) kennels to a 40 x 60 (20) kennel canine barn. This structure

will house and board their dogs as well as all others that are there to be trained. This building will also be used as a breeding facility to breed pure bred German Shepherds to sell.

After Ms. Wood was finished speaking, those in favor or in opposition to the proposal were given a chance to speak as well.

The following person was in attendance in opposition of the proposal:

- Daniel Myers 816 Stonepile Rd. Clarkesville, GA. 30523

Excessive barking and the fear of a decrease in property value were the main concerns of Mr. Myers.

After everyone had finished speaking, public comment was then closed so that the Commissioners could discuss the proposal and vote.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Jim Kiger to deny CU-24-07.

It was seconded by Commissioner Greg Hill. The motion was carried by a 3-2 margin.

The results of the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Greg Hill – Yea
Commissioner Mike Van Winkle – Nay
Commissioner Derick Canupp - Nay

Commissioner D. Higgins – Yea
Commissioner Jim Kiger – Yea

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS TO COMMISSION:

None

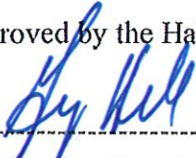
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

As approved by the Habersham County Planning Commission:



Executive Secretary

09-03-2024

Date