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MINUTES
HABERSHAM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

The Habersham County Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 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.

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

Commissioners Jessie Owensby, Derick Canupp, & 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 D. Higgins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved without change.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

V-24-03: Keith Brown is seeking a Variance to reduce the side setbacks on all lots in the Willow Run Subdivision from 15 feet to 10 feet. The tract is located on Hancock Rd. and is further identified as Map 078 Parcel 088.

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

James Irvin with Foothills Land Design was there to speak on behalf of Mr. Keith Brown. He stated that this subdivision and proposal just made sense in so many ways. Mr. Irvin said that this type of subdivision would prevent wider lots so they could not be pushed into areas where they didn't want them to be.

Ms. Tina Smith was also present to ask questions about the proposal. Her parents own property that joins the backside of the proposed subdivision. She was just concerned that the proper steps had been taken concerning traffic issues and safety.

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 Greg Hill to approve V-24-03.

It was seconded by Commissioner Mike VanWinkle. All were in favor.

The results of the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Greg Hill – Yea
Commissioner Mike Van Winkle – Yea

Commissioner D. Higgins – Yea
Commissioner Jim Kiger – Yea

AM-24-01: Amendment to Article XVII (Subdivision and Commercial Development Standards) in the Habersham County Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance to amend the current regulations.

After the proposal was presented, the Planning Commission recommended that a few items be changed, and the proposal resubmitted for review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS TO COMMISSION:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

As approved by the Habersham County Planning Commission:



Executive Secretary

10-1-2024

Date