

MINUTES
PAGE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
March 27, 2018

Members Present

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| Bernie Miller, District 1 | Paul Otto, District 1 |
| Donnie Middleton, District 2 | Steve Atkins, District 2 |
| James Turner, District 3 | Keith Weakley, Vice Chairman, District 3 |
| Duane Painter, District 4 | James Holsinger, Secretary, District 4 |
| Craig Lancto, District 5 | Jonathan Comer, Chairman, District 5 |

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Comer called the March 27, 2018, Page County Planning Commission work session to order in the Board of Supervisors Room located at the Page County Government Center, 103 S Court Street, Luray, Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. The call to order was followed by *The Pledge of Allegiance* and a *Moment of Silence*.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

New Business

A. Jennifer Westhoff- Special Use Permit Application

Chairman Comer explained that Ms. Westhoff was applying for a special use permit (SUP) application to operate a home occupation that will include private falconry classes in an accessory building. Mr. Lancto questioned the directions on the SUP application as provided by the applicant. A correction was made to reflect "South" toward Shenandoah rather than "North." There were no objections from VDOT, the Health Department, or the Building Department. Staff is requesting that the public hearing be scheduled for April 10, 2018. Chairman Comer noted Ms. Westhoff was present for any questions.

Mr. Miller asked if it was a school, business, or training facility? Ms. Westhoff responded that it is for people who want to become trained falconers. It is also for visitors and guests to have a falconry experience. Mr. Otto asked if one wanted to become involved with the sport of falconry if a license would be required. Ms. Westhoff explained that it requires state and federal permits. She can aid them in understanding but the state and federal government actually issue the license. Mr. Middleton asked if there was anyone around who had the license. Mrs. Westhoff stated she is a licensed mastery falconer. There are only about 8,200 licensed falconers in Virginia. Mr. Miller asked if she could take the birds to state parks and other properties besides her own. Ms. Westhoff explained that she can take them anywhere but she has to abide by the hunting regulations. Mr. Holsinger asked what the nearest subdivision was to her property. She explained

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she was across the street from Mr. Howan's rental cabins. Mr. Lancto made a motion to take the SUP for Ms. Westhoff to public hearing on April 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Minutes- February 13, 2018, February 27, 2018, & March 13, 2018

Mr. Otto made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018, February 27, 2018, and March 13, 2018, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weakley. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

A. Zoning Committee Report

No Report

B. Comp Plan Committee Report

Mr. Otto stated the committee had approved the draft for Chapters 1 and 2. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

C. Subdivision Committee Report

Mr. Weakley stated that they are still working on the wording.

D. Sign Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Lancto requested that Mr. Painter and Mr. Middleton pick the next meeting date and get back with the other committee members. Mr. Holsinger asked what the sign requirements are for cabin rentals. Mr. Lancto stated he was not sure but would check the ordinance and get back to him.

Open Citizen Comment Period

None

Chairman's Report

None

Clerk's Report

None

Adjourn

Chairman Comer adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.


Jonathan Comer, Chairman


Jamie Holsinger, Secretary