

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes for February 4th, 2008

Members Present:

R.B. Anderson, Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Henry Blessing, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, Jerry Mercer, and Robert Trobaugh

Members Absent:

Deborah Looney

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. McKee, I. Applicant; Susan L. Odell

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. Chairman Mercer introduced Commissioner Bradshaw to the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2008 meeting. Vice Chairman Chewning made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Trobaugh provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

Application from Mark R. McKee, requesting a Conditional Use Permit to conduct an Auto Sales and Service operation and a Public Garage upon commercially zoned property, located in the former Skyway Outdoor facility, 7063 North Scenic Hwy, Bastian, VA; Tax Map No.: 48-A-85

Mr. McKee is proposing that this site will be used to repair small engines and ATV sales and service.

After a brief explanation of the services to be offered, and a question and answer session, Chairman Mercer opened the floor for public comment. There being none, Chairman Mercer closed the public hearing.

After some discussion on the conditions for the Conditional Use Permit; the following was decided on:

1. The business is to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations
2. Legal and proper disposal of all materials considered hazardous
3. All overnight small engine repair, parking/storage to take place on the side of facility
4. No outside storage to be housed in the front of building. Any outside storage is to be placed in an approved outside storage facility in the rear of the facility
5. No car, truck, or large vehicle repair to take place on site
6. No disruptive noise associated with operation of business beyond ten(10)PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to forward the above recommended conditions to the Board of Supervisors, for their review. Commissioner Trobaugh made the second, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Susan O'dell approached the Planning Commission and presented them with a wealth of information concerning the potential wind energy in Bland County. Some information provided was the dimensions of the turbines, possible locations in the county, pros and cons of wind turbines, and also an ordinance from another municipality concerning the erection of tall structures.

Mrs. O'dell stated her intent was to be bring awareness to the County so that it may be proactive on this subject and be prepared rather than deal with it when/if it happens.

A vivid discussion ensued on various topics of energies.

Mr. Sweet stated that the matter would be brought up before the Board of Supervisors, for their decision and direction the County will take on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice-Chairman Chewning provided the second, Chairman Mercer obliged and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.