

MINUTES OF THE HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Members Present: Phil Engelke, Chair; Erica Roberts, Vice-Chair; Ed Coleman, and Jacqueline Easley
Members Absent: Tudy Adler
County Staff Present: Valdis Lazdins, Amy Gowan, Derrick Jones, Laura Boone, and Paul Johnson

Mr. Engelke opened the meeting at approximately 7:01 p.m.

- Ms. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 15, 2016. Mr. Coleman seconded. Vote: 4-0. The motion was carried.
- Ms. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 19, 2017. Mr. Coleman seconded. Vote: 4-0. The motion was carried.
- Ms. Roberts motioned to grant a 30-day extension for the issuance of the Decision & Order for PB 426, to allow extra time for staff review. Ms. Easley seconded. Vote: 4-0. The motion was carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

PB 425 – Rockurn Estates (SP-16-012) - CONTINUATION

DPZ Recommendation: Approval
Petitioner’s Representative: Mr. William Erskine

Mr. Erskine recalled Mr. David Thompson of Benchmark Engineering. Mr. Erskine entered three exhibits into the record. The first was an illustration showing a Type C buffer between the proposed development and existing homes. The second was declaration that will preserve the existing historic home. The third exhibit was a general note on the plat that referred to the declaration preventing the demolition of the home. Mr. Erskine closed his case by stating that there are only three criteria upon which the Board is evaluating the plan, all of which have been satisfied.

The Board went into worksession.

Motion:

Ms. Roberts motioned to approve PB 425 – Rockburn Estates, subject to the addition of the three exhibits presented on February 2, 2017. Ms. Easley seconded the motion.

Vote:

4 yea
0 nay. The motion was carried

PUBLIC MEETING

ZRA 175 – Valdis Lazdins

DPZ Recommendation: Approval
Petitioner’s Representative: Valdis Lazdins, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

Planning Department staff gave a multimedia presentation for the proposal to exempt farms in the Rural Conservation (RC) District and farms 20 acres or larger in the Rural Residential (RR) District from Animal Shelter and Riding Academy and Stable setback requirements from dwellings on future new

residential lots. This would not affect setback requirements in cases of existing dwellings on lots different than that of a farm or a future dwelling on a currently recorded lot.

Several members of the public gave testimony, both in support and in opposition of the proposal.

Motion:

Ms. Easley motioned to recommend approval of ZRA 175 with the addition that farms in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program will retroactively be included. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

Vote:


4 Yea

0 Nay. The motion was carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PLANNING BOARD ADJOURNED AT 8:20 p.m.



Valdis Lazdins
Acting Executive Secretary



Laura Boone
Recording Secretary