

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2014
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Phil Hogan
Kevin Greenfield
Jerry Potts
Merv Jacobs
Kevin Meachum

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Kris Horton, Animal Control
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt
Kathy Wade, Health Department
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patty Cox

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes, seconded by Jerry Potts, motion carried 6 -0.

CLAIMS

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Merv Jacobs and motion carried 6-0.

ZONING

Resolution S-01-04-14/ Special Use Permit for Terry Rigdon

S-01-04-14 petition by Terry Rigdon for a renewal for a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of the sale and transfer of firearms business in RE-5 Single Family Estate. The property is commonly known as 5980 Hibbard Road located in South Wheatland Township.

On April 2, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on finding of facts and the rules in the Zoning Ordinance the staff recommended approval with the following stipulations:

1. Special Use Permit is for a 10 year period and shall expire on May 8, 2024. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved.
2. The business can only have one sign and cannot exceed an area of 6 square feet per face.
3. The employees limited to Mr. Rigdon only.
4. No firing of firearms related to the business.
5. Said property and all operations shall comply with all Federal, State and County Ordinances.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Jerry Potts. Chair Dudley asked if Mr. Rigdon was present. Jennifer said yes. Chair Dudley asked if there was any opposition. Jennifer said no. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution S-02-04-14/ Special Use Permit for Dennis & Debra Park

S-02-04-14 petition by Dennis W. Park and Debra Park for a Special Use Permit to operate an indoor/ outdoor storage for recreational vehicles in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is located at the corner of Wyckles Road and IL Route 121 in Hickory Point Township.

On April 2, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on finding of facts and the rules in the Zoning Ordinance the staff recommended approval with the following stipulations:

1. Employees shall be limited to immediate family members living on the premises.
2. Advertising signs of any kind are strictly prohibited on the subject property.
3. This Special Use Permit shall be limited to a period of 10 years and shall expire on May 8, 2024.

Chair Dudley pointed out a scribners error on the Resolution. Under the first WHEREAS portion, it says 2 years expiring in 2016. It was later pointed out that in the 2nd WHEREAS, it correctly indicates 10 years expiring in 2024. Jennifer explained that her recommendation had been for 2 years, but the ZBA had amended the recommendations to 10 years. Jerry Potts questioned if this was brand new and if they wouldn't want a test period of 2 years. Jennifer explained that the history behind this is that the petitioner's dad had had a special use permit, but since the special use permits go with the owner and not the land, when the son who had taken over the operation came in to apply for a building permit realized that he did not have a special use permit since it was in his dad's name. She said the storage has been there for years but needed to be redone because of the technicality. She said when special use permits are done, they are for 2 years with 10 year renewals. The ZBA looked at it and since it has been there for several years with no problems, decided to go for 10 years. Kevin Meachum added that there is nothing out there by it. Jennifer informed the members that once the special use permit is in place, there is an application for a building permit in the office to build a new shed there too. The error will be corrected on the Resolution before it is presented to the board.

4. Said property and all operations shall remain subject to all other applicable local, county, state, and federal regulations including, but not limited to, the Macon

County Zoning Ordinance, the Macon County Nuisance Ordinance, and the Macon County Subdivision Ordinance.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 6-0.

Subdivisions –

None

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance

No report

Planning & Zoning

No Report

Health Department

No Report

Animal Control

Kris Horton handed out the monthly report and announced that a special for this month is being held in conjunction with the Foundation where all animals are half price. Kris said that some kittens are coming in and encouraged anyone looking for a kitten to come on in. Kevin Meachum mentioned that he recently found out that the shelter takes pillow donations and commented that he recently threw several away because he didn't know. Kris said that they are always happy to get pillows, blankets, sheets, towels, etc... and can find a use for almost anything.

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett reported that there are two upcoming events. They are a paper shred and unwanted medication collection.

She also handed out a paint collection schedule for 2014. The first one was held on April 16. She explained that the collections are tracked by zip codes so they would know what communities are participating and where additional marketing is needed. They also track the source of how their information is obtained. She said it was nice to see that 14 people had found it on the website. The first one was busy with 85 cars dropping off paint.

Deb reported that their office is tasked with monitoring the electronic recyclers that come into the county to assure they are certified and responsible for where each component of the electronics ends up down the line. She said that their office does 3 electronics collections, but there are also various other ones too. The tracking is for residential only as businesses do not have to report. In 2013, there were 466,155 lbs or 233 tons recycled in Macon County.

Deb said that in conjunction with Earth Day being celebrated on Tuesday, they delivered 3,000 Kroger paper bags to the schools. The kids decorated them with Earth Day messages and then

the Environmental Mgmt staff picked them up and took them back to Kroger who will use them to bag groceries on Earth Day. Kevin Greenfield asked whose idea this was. Deb did not know as the program has been going on for a long time. Everyone agreed that this is a great idea.

Regional Office of Education

No Report

Citizen's Remarks

Shirley Stanley with the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation reported that they had gotten communication from Catholic Charities that the Foundation had delivered 1,607 lbs of pet food product to the Food Pantry. She said they are so appreciative and there is definitely a need.

The Waggin Tails event would be held on June 21st at the Mt. Zion Lions Club outdoor pavilion and will include food, music, a raffle & lots of fun. She encouraged everyone to put that on their calendar.

She said they have also been invited to participate in the Easter Eggstravaganza again this year at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at the corner of Wyckles Road. There will be adoptable animals there from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 4/19.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Potts reported that the SRO sub-committee had met this past week and approved sending the Health Department Food Sanitation & Geothermal Exchange Systems Ordinances to the Full Board with the recommendation for approval.

Jerry asked Kathy Wade to explain. Kathy said that the proposed Food Sanitation Ordinance is the 2010 Ordinance that replaced the 2006. The 2006 was included in the County Code, but it needs to be replaced with the 2010 update. Jerry explained that when the 2010 version was passed, he was on the Health Board, but it did not get to the County Board for inclusion in the Code. Kevin Meachum asked when the 2010 version would be looked at for another update. Kathy explained that when the State Code was amended in 2010, they rewrote the County Ordinance to be in compliance with it. State Code has not changed since then. Until the State Code is changed, there will not be a need to change the County Code again. Kevin Greenfield asked if the full County Board will vote on the Ordinance. Chair Dudley said yes, at the next Board Meeting.

The Geothermal Exchange Systems was a new ordinance. Kathy explained that this is the “go green” effort that uses the temperature of the earth to heat and cool homes. Kevin Meachum asked about the building permit procedure for a new home. Kathy explained that before the Planning & Zoning department will issue a building permit, they have to get an approved septic permit and an approved well permit. Geo Thermal does not make an approval prior to a home building permit because that is the one that if they’ve spent too much money building it, they

hold off on the geo. Kathy said they make note that there is a geo thermal possibility. They are permitted when they go ahead and start it.

Closed Session

None needed

NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting - Thursday, May 15 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Meachum, the motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office