

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 16, 2014
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed, Auditor
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Louann Hollon, Animal Control
Diana Heyer, Health Department

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

MINUTES

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Kevin Meachum, motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Jerry Potts and motion carried 7-0.

ZONING

S-01-10-14: Kristina DeLong for a renewal of a Special Use Permit for a pet boarding and grooming business in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 9645 Boody Road in Pleasance View Township.

Jennifer Hoffman explained that on October 1, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the petition with the following stipulations:

1. This Special Use Permit constitutes a license issued to the named Petitioners only. This special use permit is not property nor does it convey any property right. This special use permit is, therefore, not assignable or transferable.
2. The animal boarding facility will be limited to 60 dogs and 12 cats.
3. Any retail sales will be strictly limited to incidental pet items, only.
4. The sign be limited to 16 square feet per face.
5. Employees shall be limited to immediate family members living on the premises, plus no more than 4 outside employees working at the facility at any one time.

6. Normal hours of operation shall be limited to 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven (7) days per week.
7. This Special Use Permit shall be limited to 10 years and shall expire on November 13, 2024.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there was opposition to the request. Jennifer said no, that this is a renewal on a 10 year special use permit.

Phil Hogan made a motion to forward on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Patty Cox, and motion carried 7-0.

S-03-10-14: David Brix for a special use permit for a screen printing business in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 4109 Garver Church Road in Whitmore Township.

Jennifer Hoffman explained that on October 1, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the petition with the following stipulations:

1. This Special Use Permit constitutes a license issued to the named Petitioners only. This special use permit is not property nor does it convey any property right. This special use permit is, therefore, not assignable or transferable.
2. Employees shall be limited to immediate family members living on the premises, plus no more than 2 outside employees working at the facility at any one time.
3. The business can only have one sign and cannot exceed an area of 6 square feet.
4. Building permits shall be obtained as required.
5. Normal hours of operation shall be limited to 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven (7) days a week.
6. 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 and the Macon County Nuisance Ordinance.
7. Special use permit is for a 2 year period. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved. This special use permit expires: November 13, 2016.

Kevin Meachum asked if the business is currently in operation. Jennifer said it is in operation at a different location, but not at this specific location on this property.

Chair Dudley asked if there were any objectors. Jennifer said no.

Patty Cox asked why they were limited to 2 outside employees. Jennifer said that every other special use permit they had passed said that employees shall be limited to immediate family members living on the premises. The ZBA voted that day, saying that if the business gets too

big, they may need to have some outside employees. A comment was made that they had just approved one allowing 4 outside employees. Jennifer said she had not changed anything on the DeLong request because it was a renewal and those stipulations had been in place for her for 10 years. Since this is a brand new special use permit, normal standards for stipulations were used. Kevin Greenfield asked if 2 people would be sufficient and if the requesters were ok with it. Jennifer said, yes they were ok with it.

Jerry Potts made a motion to forward on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 7-0.

S-04-10-14: NFi Sales (Blake & Grant Noland) for a Special Use Permit for a trailer sales business in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 7770 S. Meridian Ave in Blue Mound Township.

Jennifer Hoffman explained that on October 1, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the petition with the following stipulations:

1. This Special Use Permit constitutes a license issued to the named Petitioners only. This special use permit is not property nor does it convey any property right. This special use permit is, therefore, not assignable or transferable.
2. Employees shall be limited to immediate family members living on the premises, plus no more than 2 outside employees working at the facility at any one time.
3. The business can only have one sign and cannot exceed an area of 6 square feet.
4. Building permits shall be obtained as required if needed.
5. Normal hours of operation shall be limited to 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven (7) days a week.
6. 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 and the Macon County Nuisance Ordinance.
7. Special use permit is for a 2 year period. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved. This special use permit expires: November 13, 2016.

Kevin Meachum asked if the petitioners had agreed to the 2 employees. He went on to say that if the business grows at all within the 2 year period, this could be an issue. He asked if this does happen, and they need more employees, could they come back within the 2 year period and ask for an amendment. Jennifer said yes. She explained that her understanding was that if the business takes off, then after 2 years, they would move it to a more commercial location.

Jerry Potts made a motion to forward on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 7-0.

Subdivisions –

Jennifer Hoffman explained that Licksillet Acres is a 2 lot minor subdivision located on Bearsdale Road. The property is located in Hickory Point Township and involves 1.2 Acres. These lots right now are small non-conforming lots that were created a long time ago. The two landowners wanted to divide one of the lots for the purpose of an existing well to stay with the property that is being sold. Lot 1 contains .6 acres and Lot 2 contains .6 acres. The lot sizes do not meet our minimum 1 acre requirement. However the houses are existing and by combining the lots this will clean up the original plat. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved. Staff recommends approval of this subdivision.

Kevin Meachum asked for the location of the property to be pointed out on the map. Jennifer pointed it out and explained that there are little lots and the houses are in the middle of the lots. Jennifer pointed out where the well was and explained that the lady wants to sell her house and wants the well to stay with the house. Jennifer said that was a smart idea so they won't have neighbor issues down the road. When they did that, Jennifer said she had suggested they clean it all up and combine them all. So, that is what they are doing. Kevin said that it is going from a bunch of little lots down to 2 lots. Jennifer confirmed.

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

Mental Health Board –No report

Regional Office of Education – No report

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett distributed a flyer about the Mega Recycling Event. She explained there would be a lot of things recycled. This is the 3rd year for the event. Last year, at the same event, 500 cars went through. That is a lot of cars in only 3 hours, so this year, the vendors that will be collecting have been separated. People will be given a map so they will know everything is located and then when they are done with their particular items, they can exit. The hope is that all 500 and more can be handled a little easier this time. Deb said that people love these events because it is a one stop deal.

Animal Control

Kris Horton distributed the monthly report and some information about Ebola & pets.

The \$25 Empty the Shelter continues through the end of this month.

A Trunk-or-Treat is being held at the shelter on Saturday, 10/25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cars will be lined up with trunks decorated and then a tour of the shelter can be taken. Dogs will also be at the Heart Walk that day.

Kris introduced Sgt. Hollon who is the new Animal Control Administrator taking over for Lt. Scheibly.

Health Department

Diana Heyer, the new Health Department Director, was introduced by Chair Dudley.

Diana updated the members about what they are doing about Ebola. She said they felt that they needed to get their partners together and have a meeting. So, they contacted Jim Root, EMA, and yesterday, there was a meeting. The Health Department was able to provide a lot of information, but it also prompted a lot of questions. This was good because they need to think about what they would need to do if there were a case here. She said they provided a situation update as far as what is going on in the country right now. They provided information about reporting requirements, contact information, assessment information if patients come in to the facilities, lab testing info, isolation & quarantine info, etc... The isolation and quarantine topic generated the most questions and the State's Attorney is doing more research on the subject as well. Another topic covered was hazardous waste where there are still a lot of unknowns. She said they are being told that any waste from a person infected with Ebola is considered a Category A Hazardous Waste. Dallas has experienced companies refusing to accept the waste. The CDC is stating that as long as the waste is incinerated or properly killed with an approved germicidal hospital approved cleaner that it is considered inactive, but there are still a lot of fears and concern about it. She said they are working to clear up those answers. The information is changing daily and there is a lot of fear. She said their nurses are very good about following up on any suspected or rumored cases. The medical providers have to do very thorough screening on anyone that has done any travel from one of the affected countries. She said they have consistently transferred any information they get on to the medical providers. The group will be meeting regularly. An exercise will be conducted in the next couple of weeks where a real situation will be played out. Diana said that what is great about this community is that it has partners in place. Relationships have been developed and it is really great to be able to get together and talk about this issue and start planning for it. There is still a lot of work to be done on this issue. It would be awful if we ended up with someone in our County with Ebola, but in reality, it is a possibility. People travel in and out of here and we need to be proactive and have a plan in place.

Jerry Potts asked if the protective equipment is available in case it would be needed. Diana said yes, but it may change as the CDC recommendations change. Since the two Dallas nurses have become infected, it may be possible that different recommendations may be coming. She said they are keeping a close eye on that. Chair Dudley requested that Diana keep them posted. She agreed and said that there are more partners they would be talking to and including in future meetings. She invited Deb Garrett to join them at the next meeting that is scheduled for next week. She said they thought someone from the airport should join them and the partners in the meetings would be growing, but they have a good group of people working on it.

Planning & Zoning –No report

Veteran's Assistance – No report

Citizen's Remarks -

Michelle Huttes, Animal Shelter Foundation, repeated that the \$25 adoption specials have been going on through September and October. Starting in November, the Home for the Holidays Program kicks off for the 3rd year in a row. Pets will go out for fostering and hopefully, potential adoptions. Whiskers & Tails, the largest annual fundraiser, is November 1st. The Donors Dinner is October 21st. This is a special event for the largest donors to show them the new shelter and there will be a slide show with pictures of the old shelter so they can see how far it has come.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting - Thursday, November 20, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Meachum, the motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham