

GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

April 16, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm.

In attendance: Cheryl Jones, Terri Sprouse, Don Holmes, Bill Schaffner, Matthew Nelson

Also in attendance: Kevin Reichart

Staff attendance: Nicole Armour

Audience: Ron Deel (Wye River Beekeepers, Maryland Beekeepers, Delaware Beekeepers), George Harvey (Wye River Beekeepers), Dick Crane (Wye River Beekeepers), Mike Embrey (Chestertown Beekeeper & International Beekeepers), Anne Wycole (Wye River Beekeepers), David Kyber (Wye River Beekeepers)

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 Meeting. Ms. Sprouse seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business

Ron Deel – Beekeeping

Mr. Deel started his presentation by stating that bees were a perfect creation. They all work for the good of the hive and the good of the queen. Bees are necessary for everything we need to live. Bees forage 2 to 4 miles and lay between 1500 and 2000 eggs a day. Mr. Holmes asked why bees were being discussed. Ms. Armour explained that right now the town does not allow for beekeeping in town and it was something that we had been asked to look into. Mr. Embrey stated that he got a letter from the town when he was keeping bees in his yard. Ms. Jones stated that we would have to do an ordinance allowing the keeping of bees in town. Mr. Deel stated that the bees aren't the problem, it is the lack of education and knowledge that people have about them. Honey bees do not sting or attack like other bees. Ms. Jones asked if everyone in town wanted a hive would it hurt the bee population. Mr. Embrey stated that it would not, but should limit the boxes per property. He went on to say that Galena was setting up something and maybe we should look into that. Ms. Jones stated that we should require people to get trained. Mr. Deel stated that you usually get a mentor and being part of the Bee Clubs is invaluable. Ms. Sprouse commented that she has taken classes of Mr. Embrey's and that he educates on a local, national and international level. Mr. Meyer stating that beekeeping has state regulations for beekeepers and that they have inspectors, so at the county level there are no limit regulations. Mr. Deel stated that the public needs to be educated to know that honey bees are not aggressive. Ms. Wycole followed up agreeing with Mr. Deel and stating that there needs to be more education. More discussion ensued about how hives are set up and the care of hives. Ms. Jones stated we would look into some ordinances from other towns and go from there.

Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Jones stated that the homework sheets for the staff and committee members were due by June 15th.

Ms. Jones stated that it wasn't official, but Mr. Fleegle may be resigning. He has accepted the Treasurer position with the Lion's Club.

Mr. Schaffner questioned the Capstone report and Ms. Armour explained that it was just an analysis. We could use it as a tool in the future or not use it at all. It did not set plans for the town.

Ms. Sprouse stated that the construction on the porch has resumed at Riverside Rentals so the sidewalk has been blocked off again. Ms. Armour stated that she would post something on Facebook regarding that.

Mr. Reichart added that Mr. Harrison was sworn in to serve on council, and that Mayor Noon had resigned due to health.

Mr. Nelson asked what we could do to deter speeding in the town and named a few problem streets. Ms. Armour stated that she will pass all of this along to the Chief of Police.

Mr. Schaffner stated that he wanted us to pass along appreciation to Sgt. Ray. He did an amazing job while he was serving as Chief.

Ms. Sprouse motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Prepared by Nicole Armour