

MINUTES

FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

December 15th, 2022

5:30 PM

Franklin County Justice Center

Present: Bob Ragsdale
Josh Cabe
Susan Russell

Absent: Erika Hewatt
Carolee Coker

Staff: Matt Hailey, Planning Director
Amanda Hosch

1. Call the meeting to order.

Bob Ragsdale asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Susan Russell made a motion and Josh Cabe seconded. A vote was taken by the show of hands. The motion carried by three (3) YES votes to (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe.

2. Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adoption of agenda.

Bob Ragsdale asked for a motion to adopt the agenda from the December 15th, 2022 meeting. Susan Russell made a motion and Josh Cabe seconded. A vote was taken by the show of hands. The motion carried by three (3) YES votes to (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe.

5. Adoption of minutes from the November 17th, 2022 meeting.

Bob Ragsdale asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 17th, 2022 meeting. Susan Russell made a motion and Josh Cabe seconded. A vote was taken by the show of hands. The motion carried by three (3) YES votes to (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe.

6. Update on BOC actions:

1. Christopher and Katherine Mogenson, 5904 Highway 326, Commerce, GA 30530 have filed an application requesting a Variance to the Franklin County Unified Development Code to “remain Ag District to allow use for a drive thru Safari Park” on a +/- 156.25 acre tract. The property is located at 6210 Highway 326 and is further identified as parcel number 014 017. **Application Withdrawn**

New Business

1. Shelley Phillips, 249 Phillips Circle, Royston, GA 30662 has filed an application requesting a Variance to the minimum lot size requirement in a Rural Residential (RR) zoning district on a +/- 0.997 acre tract. The Property is located at 301 Woods Rd and is further identified as parcel number 034 046.

Planning Director Hailey gave Staff Report recommending approval of application

Shelley Phillips – Spoke in favor of application

No others – Spoke in favor of application

Michael Jones – Spoke in opposition of application (Woods Rd resident)

No others – Spoke in opposition of application

Shelley Phillips – Spoke in favor of application

Bob Ragsdale asked for Mitch Phillips (Shelley’s husband, land owner) to come to the podium as well to speak on application

Public hearing was closed

Open to discussion

Josh Cabe made a motion to approve the request which was then seconded by Susan Russell. The motion carried by Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe (3) YES to (0) NO votes.

2. Edward A Pugh, 38 Mulberry Rd, Winder, GA 30680 has filed for a conditional use permit for a Special Events Venue in an Agriculture General (AG) zoning district on a +/- 49.7 acre tract. The property is located on 863 Clareburn Trail, and is further identified as tax parcel 012 061D.

Planning Director Hailey gave Staff Report recommending approval of application with conditions (potentially; subject to further information)

Edward Pugh – Spoke in favor of application

Ben Jones – Spoke in favor of application

No others – Spoke in favor of application

Ernest Gardner – Spoke in opposition of application

William Rabbit – Spoke in opposition of application

No others – Spoke in opposition of application

Edward Pugh – Spoke in favor of application

Public hearing was closed

Open to discussion

Planning Director Hailey addressed the Board

Susan Russell made a motion to deny the request which was then seconded by Josh Cabe. The motion carried by Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe (3) YES to (0) NO votes.

3. Preliminary Plat Review Sewell Landing.

Shelley Phillips – Spoke in favor of application

No others – Spoke in favor of application

No others – Spoke in opposition of application

Shelley Phillips – Spoke in favor of application

Planning Director Hailey gave Staff Report recommending approval of application

Public hearing was closed

Open to discussion

Susan Russell made a motion to approve the request which was then seconded by Josh Cabe. The motion carried by Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe (3) YES to (0) NO votes.

Adjourn

Susan Russell made a motion to approve the request which was then seconded by Josh Cabe. The motion carried by Bob Ragsdale, Susan Russell, and Josh Cabe (3) YES to (0) NO votes.

Meeting was adjourned.



Matt Hailey



Josh Cabe

Erika Hewatt

Carolee Coker




Bob Ragsdale



Susan Russell

Minutes taken by:



Amanda Hosch