

Planning & Zoning was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chair Brent Boyce, Bill Hearn, Angie Cali-Quillen, Bill Martin, and Dan Ash. Also, in attendance were Director of Code Enforcement Ken West. It was noted that Planning Member's Randy Radish was absent.

Planning Chair Boyce opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Planning Chair Boyce explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear a Special Use Permit Request from North Laurel Early Learning Academy, 600 Wilson Street, Tax Map # 232-12.15.22. Planning Chair Boyce advised a representative from the sign company is in attendance.

Planning Chair Boyce advised a public hearing is required for a Special Use Permit Request. He explained the public hearing notification was advertised properly in the paper and certificate of mailing was provided to residents. The Sign Representative explained they were contacted by Dr. Evans from the Laurel School District to construct the new sign. The proposed sign will feature a full color LED sign and the existing sign face will be removed and replaced with a new 6x12 foot sign. The current pole will remain, and a new pole will be installed for a more finished look. Planning Member Hearn inquired if the LED sign will be lit through the night. The Sign Representative explained the LED signs are on 24-7 and the signs are placed on a demi-schedule. Planning Member Calio-Quillen inquired if the existing sign has electric. The Sign Representative explained yes, the existing sign has illuminated lighting. Director of Code Enforcement West advised a LED sign must flash every 15 seconds to a new slide and it can't be at full brightness at night approximately at 60% brightness. Planning Chair Boyce advised the person who programs the LED sign must meet the Delaware requirements. The Sign Representative explained the end-user will be trained and they're online tutorials available.

Planning Chair Boyce inquired if the public had any questions or comments regarding the Special Use Permit Request from North Laurel Early Learning Academy, 600 Wilson Street, Tax Map #232-12.15.22.

Mrs. Dorothy Lecates, resident 28030 Possum Point Rd, inquired the cost of the proposed sign. The Sign Representative advised the sign would cost under \$25,000.

Mrs. Dorothy Lecates stated she has two properties on the corner near the school. She explained it wouldn't be ideal to install a flashing neon sign because she has the two properties listed for sale. Director of Code Enforcement West explained this sign is not a neon lit sign and there is a difference between color and a neon sign.

Mrs. Dorothy Lecates inquired if there was a representative from the School District to explain the purpose of installing a new sign. Planning Chair Boyce advised there is no School District Representative in attendance. The Sign Representative advised a changeable topping sign takes more manpower to maintain versus an LED sign. Planning Chair Boyce advised manual signs are a safety hazard and are at more risk of someone getting hurt. Director of Code Enforcement West suggested Ms. Lecates to ride and look at the elementary and high school LED signs. He explained these signs are not flashy, they have a black background with red lettering, and they change almost every 30 seconds. The purpose of the Led signs is to inform students and parents.

Planning Chair Boyce closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Planning Member Calio-Quillen made a motion to accept the Special Use Permit Request from North Laurel Early Learning Academy, 600 Wilson Street, Tax Map #232-12.15-22.00. Planning Member Ash seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Planning Member Radish absent, and with one vacancy.

The Planning & Zoning Minutes of July 10, 2019 were presented for review and adoption. Planning Member Hearn made a motion to accept the July 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Planning Member Calio-Quillen seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Planning Member Radish absent, and with one vacancy.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.