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The Henry County Planning Commission held a regular monthly meeting in person at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 18th 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Kenon Gray.

Roll was called by Kenon Gray. Board members present were: Dale Cole, Bobbi Plummer, Lori Pritchett, Kenon Gray, Jason Roberts, Terry Matney, and Marsha Gratner. Also present was Zoning Administrator Tom Green, attorney Sean Row, and Planning Commission data clerk America Nevitt.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Board read and approved the April 20th meeting minutes. Dale Cole made a motion to accept the minutes, Marsha Gratner seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved 7-0.

New business:

Zoning Administrator Tom Green proposed a change to code for privacy fences in Henry County. He stated there have been several issues come up with privacy fences being built in right of ways or even on other neighbors' properties. The change proposed would require a survey or at the least, a legal description of the property, as well as notarized letters from the neighboring property owners agreeing on where the fence will be located. This is what will be required to obtain a fence permit from now on if this is accepted. Dale Cole made a motion to accept this amendment, Terry Matney seconded the motion. All Planning Commission members voted Aye. This amendment passed 7-0.

Old Business:

Zoning Administrator Tom Green suggested changes to the previously proposed chicken ordinance. This change would require Commission approval for chickens to be had in areas zoned R1 and R2. Commission approval is already required for chickens (or other animals) for areas zoned RR but have less than 5 acres. This amendment would add R1 and R2 to go by the same requirement. Bobbi Plummer made a motion to approve this change. Marsha Gratner seconded the motion. All Planning Commission members voted Aye. This amendment passed 7-0.

The Planning Commission reviewed another change concerning the chicken code/resolution. A permit will also be required for having chickens within R1 and R2 zoning. Concerning the change to the chicken code/ resolution, Marsha Gratner expressed concern that the distance from neighboring property structures was only 20 ft per the

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current code. She asked that it be 50ft. Bobbi Plummer stated this is a good compromise. Some other discussion was had on the matter. Marsha made a motion to accept the chicken resolution with the change as stated above. Jason Roberts seconded the motion. All Planning Commission members voted Aye. This change was approved 7-0.

No other business. Dale Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kenon Gray seconded the motion.

The next meeting of the Henry County Planning Commission will take place on Thursday, June 15h at 5pm in the second floor Henry County court room unless there is no business to discuss.

President

Secretary