

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland

Regular Meeting

October 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 West Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769. Those present were Chairman Carney, Commission members David Lake, Bob Miller, Bob Smart, Chris Goodman, Alternate, Rich Gallagher, Temp. Alternate, Commissioner Dietrick, Bruce Carbaugh, Director of Operations & Construction and Cindy Unangst, Staff Planner.

I. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2011 – approved as submitted.

II. PLANS

Fish Barn Demolition Plan – Greg Fish of 21 East Main Street submitted a demolition site plan for an old storage building. It was noted that all the requirements of the Code have been met. Motion by Smart to approve the Fish demolition site plan as presented, seconded by Miller. Motion carried (5-0).

Middletown Volunteer Fire Dept. Activities Center Site Plan – Cindy stated that the revised plan indicates a change based on the addition of two phases. The previously approved plan was based on 1 phase with 153 parking spaces. The Fire Dept. has 144 spaces provided and 49 spaces for overflow parking. Chairman Carney stated that the hours of operation seem to be a concern. The Fire Dept. is asking for Sunday.-Weds. 7am.-10pm. and Thurs.-Sat. 7am.-Midnight. Bill Brennan representing the Fire Dept. stated that they would like to keep the hours of operation as presented as the Fire Dept. sometimes has bingo or other groups that use the facility that sometimes run past 10pm. Chairman Carney stated that he would like to have the hours of operation noted on the plan. It was also noted by Paul Fink of the Fire Dept. that only the activities sponsored by the Fire Dept. will have an alcohol permit.

Trevor Dodman, 203 Franklin St. – asked about water runoff. Bill Brennan stated that the water runoff will go north to South from Broad St. to Franklin St.; there will be 3 storm water facilities on-site.

Bill Raymond, 12 Locust Blvd. – asked if there was a list of Fire Co. sponsored events associated with the building. Cindy stated that she does have a list and it can be placed on the website. Mr. Raymond also asked if the Fire Co. sponsored events will have alcohol does that mean that the carnival will have alcohol as well. Paul Fink stated that there is nothing that prohibits us from selling beer but the Fire Co. chooses not to serve beer at the carnival.

Penny Edwards, 10 Locust Blvd. – asked once the building was built where the carnival would be held? It was stated that the carnival would be in the same place just pushed back behind the building. Ms. Edwards asked what the time frame was on this? It was stated that they plan to have all the permits by spring and construction would begin after the 2012 carnival.

Bruce Carbaugh stated that there is no water & sewer shown on the plan, grease trap size, water meter vault, Fireman's Lane is an undedicated private street and since this is a private swm facility the town will not assume the responsibility of it. Mr. Brennan stated that they are still working out those details. Bill Raymond stated that he has a concern with the Thursday hours of operation, that he would like to see it 7am. – 10pm.

Commission member Lake stated that since there is some resident concern with the hours of operations he recommends that we make it 7am.-10pm., Sunday –Thursday and 7am.-Midnight on Friday and Saturday and if the Fire Dept. finds that they need the additional hours on Thursday then it would be up to the Fire Dept. to come back to the Planning Commission for the change.

After some discussion Lake motioned to conditionally approve the Site Plan with the following conditions: Hours of operations Sun.-Thurs. 7am.-10pm. and Fri. and Sat. 7am.-Midnight, hours to be noted on the Site plan, and conditional on the Town Engineer's comments and Arro's comments, seconded by Miller. Motion carried (5-0).

III. ZONING

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Barkdoll
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