

Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes
11/18/2021
Butler County Courthouse

Present

Planning and Zoning Commission members:

Deb McWhirter

Jane Close

Roger Kregel

Rosemary Willson

John Backer

Others:

Misty Day, Zoning Administrator

Josh Getz

Deb McWhirter called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by John Backer and was seconded by Roger Kregel. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes dated July 15, 2021, by Roger Kregel and was seconded by Rosemary Willson. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None.

Public Hearing:

Chair McWhirter opened the public hearing on a home occupation permit application by Joshua Getz for a firearms sales business located at 30596 Terrace Ave in the NW SW of Section 17, Township 90N, Range 15W. Applicant Getz was present on behalf of his application and stated that he was in the process of applying for a federal firearms license to sell firearms from the 2nd floor of his home. Applicant Getz further stated that he was a state certified police officer with the knowledge and training on firearms.

Chair McWhirter inquired as to whether it was just sales and it was determined that it was. Commission member Close inquired as whether there were any comments received by the public and it was determined that Mr. Youngberg had called but stated that he was not opposed. Commission member Backer inquired as to why he would need a permit in order to gather additional information and it was determined that this would allow Applicant Getz to cut out the middleman for his customers by supplying the firearms directly, which is quicker and cheaper. It allows his customers to ship to him directly as opposed to a 3rd party. Discussion was had regarding a shooting range and it was determined that Applicant Getz has a small berm that he wishes to expand for testing of mostly handguns but not a public shooting range.

A Motion to approve Home Occupation permit was made by Roger Kregel and was seconded John Backer. Motion passed.

New Business:

Administrator Day discussed an ongoing junk car nuisance complaint on Hwy 57. Administrator Day had given the owner the opportunity to set a compliance date, which he did, however, little to no progress had actually been made. Upon talking with the owner, Administrator Day concluded that the owner was not really wanting to part with the vehicles for numerous reasons expanding from low steel prices, area youth utilizing the cars for demolition derbies, needing a place for County impound vehicles to go and the lack of space at his business in town. Administrator Day did inform the applicant that he could always petition to rezone a portion of his property to "M" Manufacturing and get approval from both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, who can place conditions on said approval. Although it is not a guarantee that it would be approved, it was an option he could explore.

The Planning & Zoning Commission then moved into a workgroup session around the zoning ordinance update.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Close and was seconded by John Backer. Motion passed.

Misty Day, Planning and Zoning Administrator

