

Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday October 15, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Old Academy Building
315 Main Street
Odessa, DE

Those present at 7:00 pm

- Carole Coleman
- Connie Miller
- Tom Carle

Also present: Mayor Harvey, Roger Thompson, Bill Miller

- I. Meeting called to order – 7:00 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY CONNIE MILLER, SECONDED BY TOM CARLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

III. New Business

a. Amend Zoning Ordinance 97.1

- Section 80.1, permitted uses, item 10(b) Number of guest rooms permitted in a Bed & Breakfast.
 - Bob Grove representing WSM-GWM, LLC discussed the project at this point, stating that the owners had not been able to sell the property and have decided if they would like to renovate the house, increase the number of guest rooms to 8 and turn the property into a Bed & Breakfast. They needed to know what the Town would allow, before making final decisions on renovations and use of the property.
 - Presently the zoning ordinance limits the number of guest rooms to 5 and must be owner occupied.
 - A lengthy discussion between the commissioners and community members questioned the need for a B & B with 8 guest rooms in Odessa along with the parking, additional in and out traffic and fire suppression that would be required. If the property was also used for conferences and meetings that could also create additional issues.

MOTION BY TOM CARLE, SECONDED BY CONNIE MILLER TO NOT RECOMMEND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GUEST ROOMS TO 8.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

IV. Old Business – None

V. Adjournment

MOTION BY CONNIE MILLER, SECONDED BY TOM CARLE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:25 PM.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

- Next meeting: Tentative next meeting will be November 19, 2015