OFFICIAL MINUTES SYKESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION February 6, 2023

Commissioners: Phil Singleton, Chair Ken Johnson

Ted Ludvigsen Mike Scheiner

Brandon Smith Jeremiah Schofield, Council Liaison

Town Staff: Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner

Jana Antrobus, Development Coordinator

Absent: Steve Enslow, Alternate Commissioner

Call to Order

Chair Singleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ludvigsen and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the November 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson abstained. All others voted in favor.

Carroll County Updates

County Representative was not present but a Staff Report was submitted and shared with the Planning Commission prior to the meeting.

Business

1. Approve 2023 Meeting Schedule

Motion

Commissioner Ludvigsen motioned and Commissioner Johnson seconded to approve the 2023 Meeting Scheduled with the July meeting being moved from July 3 to July 5. All voted in favor.

2. Chair and Co-Chair Nomination and Election

Motion

Commissioner Ludvigsen motioned and Commissioner Johnson seconded to reelect Chair Singleton and Commissioner Smith as Chair and Co-Chair for a 1-year term. All voted in favor.

Town Updates

1. 7306 Springfield Ave:

The property owners have withdrawn their Board of Zoning Appeals application regarding a nonconforming use of their property in the Business Local Zone. Staff is been informed with the assistance of an attorney they intend to apply to have the property re-zoned, most likely to Business-General, which would allow an auto service garage as a permitted use.

No action required from the Planning Commission at this time.

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2. Cannabis:

Recreational use of cannabis for adults over 21 years old becomes legal in Maryland beginning on July 1, 2023. The Maryland General Assembly has been tasked with considering regulatory framework for the retail sale of cannabis during the current legislative session (January 11- April 10, 2023). As it stands, there is nothing written into our zoning code specifically regulating cannabis retail establishments. There was discussion regarding medical dispensaries back in 2015 but nothing became finalized within the Town. Staff will continue to monitor the legislative session and gather information about the impacts we can expect for small municipalities within the state.

No action required from the Planning Commission at this time.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Commissioner Johnson motioned and Commissioner Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. All voted on favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jana Antrobus, Development Coordinator