

Morgan County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Mary Ellen Largent, Brenda Hutchinson, Scott Swaim, Jim Hoyt, Eric LaRue, Susan Parker, Amy Lane, Jack Soronen.

Members absent: Thomas Stinebaugh, Wayne Omps, Carl Cowgill.

Meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m.

II. MEETING MINTUES

On an Amy Lane/Susan Parker motion, the minutes from the April 26, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

III. STAFF PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

A. Request to waive permit fees for Workcamp 2011 Projects

Staff had been contacted by Paul Bevins, WorkCamp Coordinator, Office of Youth Ministry, requesting to waive permit fees for WorkCamp Projects performed in Morgan County. WorkCamp provides an opportunity for teens so serve their community by repairing and improving residences for homeowners with limited financial resources. The group is based in Virginia but hopes to start doing projects within the county this year. The work would be performed during the summer months of July and August.

Planning Commission members voiced some concerns regarding the assurance that fees are waived for legitimate organizations. The group suggested that a policy be drafted to ensure that waivers are only issued for such organizations.

On a Susan Parker/Scott Swaim motion, the Planning Commission approved the WorkCamp request to waive permit fees for their projects performed within the county. Motion carried.

Staff was requested to place on the June agenda a draft policy for permit fees for non-profit organizations for the Planning Commission to review and consider. Staff will draft language of the policy for next month's meeting.

B. Enactment of Planning Commission By-Laws

Staff reported that the County Commission had approved and signed the Planning Commission By-Laws that the Planning Commission approved at the April 26, 2011 meeting. (See attached)

C. Preliminary Plat Status and Inventory Handout

Chairman Jack Soronen briefly discussed the lot inventory handout that was included in the Planning Commission member packets this month. Staff had prepared an inventory list in an effort to update the members on the status of preliminary approvals given and the impact of projects being built out under the existing regulations. (See attached)

D. Stormwater Management Presentation

Power point presentation displaying stormwater management practices already in place within the county and discussion regarding new best management practices proposed within model stormwater ordinance

Staff had prepared a power point presentation to provide the Planning Commission members an overview of the regulations included in the new model stormwater management ordinance that was drafted by the Region 9 Office that included an evaluation of how these regulations compare to our existing stormwater regulations. The presentation also provided various examples of best management practices that could be used in place of the traditional stormwater management pond.

E. Possible Grant Funding Available through West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

Chairman Jack Soronen discussed the possible grant funding that is available for projects through the WVDEP that are in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction efforts. Staff had received the application and will look into the specifics of the grant proposal for the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.