

City of Lewisburg
Planning Commission Regular Session and Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes — April 6, 2023, 7 p.m.
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chairperson John Little; Commissioners Davis Lewis, Dan Stevenson, Margaret Gossard, Matt Campbell, Valerie Pritt and City Manager Misty Hill (via ZOOM); Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham; Recording Officer Tina Alvey

ABSENT: Commissioners Tia Bouman and Helen Harless

VISITORS: Lindsay Moran (via ZOOM)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Little at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Dan Stevenson moved approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2023, regular session and public hearing. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Margaret Gossard, and approved 7-0, with Commissioners Tia Bouman and Helen Harless absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

***Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit:** Lindsay Moran, 163 Randolph Street. Approval is sought for a permit to operate a three-plus bedroom AirBnB at the indicated address.*

Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham told the Commission that Moran is already operating an AirBnB on the premises in question. The property is zoned O-R, and the lot is large, with plenty of space to park the maximum number of vehicles allowed for an AirBnB. Moran said she already has a business license for this property under the name The Randolph Retreat, LLC.

There were no comments from the public at the public hearing, but Cunningham noted that one neighbor wrote a letter expressing his objection to a three-plus bedroom AirBnB while also stating he has no objection to a two-bedroom AirBnB on that site.

Commissioner Valerie Pritt made a motion to forward the application for a conditional use permit for operation of a three-plus bedroom AirBnB on to City Council with a positive recommendation. Commissioner Davis Lewis seconded the motion, which was approved 7-0, with Bouman and Harless absent. The issue is expected to be decided at City Council's regular meeting, slated for Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER: Cunningham said she has not received any updates from Christy DeMuth concerning the revamp of the city's zoning ordinance but hopes to hear from DeMuth within the next two months. She also reminded commissioners that no votes can be taken at working sessions, meaning that it is unlikely the

updated ordinance can be forwarded to City Council immediately following the working session during which planners would be expected to offer any necessary tweaks to the final document.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., upon motion by Lewis, seconded by Pritt, and approved 7-0, with Bouman and Harless absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Alvey
Recording Officer