

**YOUNGSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Youngsville Community House, 115 W. Main Street
June 6, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Vice-Chairman Mark Hurt called the Planning Board Meeting of the Town of Youngsville to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance was Vice-Chairman Mark Hurt, Members Scott Anderson, John Cyrus, Hank Lindwall, Janice Pearce, and Robert Martin, Mr. Andy Thomas, Senior Planner, and Kathryn Tucker, Administrative Assistant. Absent was Chairman Donnie Tharrington

Vice Chairman Mark Hurt stated the first order of business is to approve the Minutes from the Planning Board meeting held on May 2, 2017.

With no discussion, the following motion was made by Member John Cyrus, seconded by Member Hank Lindwall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2017 YOUNGSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

The next items on the agenda is to continue discussion/review on Zoning Ordinance text amendments to add definitions and standards for indoor and outdoor shooting ranges (see attached Draft).

Mr. Andy Thomas, Senior Planner, presented the highlights of the text amendment. He stated the text amendment starts with defining designated use areas/uses for indoor and outdoor shooting ranges.

Outdoor shooting ranges shall only be used for shooting sports such as skeet, trap, sporting clays, and the like. Outdoor ranges shall be a Special Use in the Residential-Agriculture (RA) District provided the standards are met.

Indoor shooting ranges are allowed in the Commercial, Mixed Use, Light and Medium Industrial districts as long as they meet the standards of that district. They will also require a Special Use Permit approved by the Board of Adjustment.

Whether its indoor or outdoor, it will require a Special Use Permit approved by the Board of Adjustments.

The standards for indoor shooting ranges are as follows:

- a. Have to meet minimum lot size for the underlying zoning district
- b. Have to meet required setbacks of the underlying zoning district
- c. Have to be constructed so it is not audible from the exterior property lines.

- d. The structure shall conform to the minimum design standards outlined in the latest revised edition of the NRA Range Source Book.
- e. Must meet parking requirements.
- f. Parking areas and entrances must be adequately lighted.
- g. No mechanical or ventilation equipment shall be visible from a public right-of-way.
- h. No storage of lead ammunition, firearms, gunpowder, or other hazardous or dangerous materials.

The standards for outdoor shooting ranges are as follows:

- a. Mailed notices of any public hearing shall be provided to the owners of land within one-half (1/2) mile of the property lines of land subject to the Special Use Permit Application.
- b. Shall not be located within one-half (1/2) mile of a church, school, day care, group/family care home or a retirement/nursing home facility.
- c. Hours of operation shall be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- d. The minimum lot size shall be 10 (10) acres.
- e. No portion of the range shall be closer than two hundred (200) linear feet to the closest exterior property line.
- f. Shooting ranges shall be designed to minimize offsite noise impacts generated by the activities on the range facility.
- g. Firearm types are restricted to shotguns.
- h. Range shall be designed to contain all shot or other debris on the range facility.
- i. Parking shall be subject to standards required in the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Thomas stated staff had talked to the local gun shop owner and some citizens to get their input. He said the Board has three options.

- 1. Pass a Moritorium to give staff more time to work on text amendment.
- 2. Approve to text amendment as presented
- 3. Approve the text amendment with changes

Mr. Thomas said one option the Board may want to consider is to eliminate outdoor shooting ranges with an exemption for Turkey Shoots that are held as fundraisers. Certainly no one wants to do away with temporary events.

Member Mr. Lindwall asked Mr. Thomas to speak as to why shotguns only. Mr. Thomas said the use of shotguns is customary and rifles have a greater range.

Member Robert Martin said he saw no feasible area round Youngsville that could accommodate a 10 acre Outdoor Shooting Range. Member Lindwall agreed.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made by Member Scott Anderson, seconded by Member Robert Martin and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF
THE DRAFT TEXT AMENDMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**

- 1. EXCLUDING OUTDOOR RANGES ENTIRELY**
- 2. MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR TURKEY SHOOTS HELD AS
FUNDRAISERS**

Item #4 is Around the Town report by Staff

- a. Papa John's Restaurant is doing an upfit on 406 US1 Hwy and will be opening soon
- b. SuzAnna's Antiques will be opening on Main Street in the old Red Barn building beside the railroad. She has a business in Raleigh on Durant Road and is expanding to Youngsville
- c. A Portable Coffee Shop will be locating in front of the old flea market building on the corner of Main Street and NW Railroad Street.

With no further comments from the Public and the Planning Board, Vice-Chairman Hurt adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.