

# PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

## REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2016

## MINUTES

**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in the General District Courtroom, Edwin R. Shields Courthouse Addition, Chatham, Virginia. Mr. Talbott called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The Board observed a moment of silence. Mr. Shelton called the roll.

### PRESENT

Kenneth Talbott  
Helen Glass  
Joseph "Jay" Craddock  
R. Allan Easley  
Ronald Merricks  
Carroll Yeaman  
Odie H. Shelton, Jr.

### ABSENT

Leon Griffith

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

By motion of Mr. Merricks, seconded by Mr. Yeaman, and by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the March 8, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

Mr. Shelton reported on the case for the May, 2016 cycle.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

**THE ZONING PRECEPTS WERE READ BY** Mr. Easley to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING** at approximately 7:01 p.m.

**Case S-1, Jerry Lee Martin, S-16-003** – Mr. Talbott opened the public hearing at approximately 7:03 p.m. Mr. Shelton, Director of Code Compliance/Zoning Administrator, reported Jerry Lee Martin had petitioned for a Special Use Permit on 78 acres, located off State Road 735/Cedar Road (on Coy Creek Lane), in the Dan River Election District, for a shooting range, long rifle range, turkey shoot and skeet shooting range.

Mr. Shelton stated the Planning Commission, with opposition, recommended granting the petitioner's request. Mr. Martin was present to represent the petition. Mr. Martin stated he wanted a shooting range for pistols and eventually skeet. He explained the direction of the shooting for each type of gun. He also stated he would like to eventually have a turkey shoot and gave the acreage for the parcel under petition. The applicant, at the Board's request, indicated where the building would be located on an overhead view and his original site plan for the property. Mr. Martin was asked if the building would be designed by an engineer and he stated he had not gotten to that point yet. The Board and Mr. Martin had a discussion regarding resources that were available to him and issues related to the direction of the gun discharge and the berms. The Chairman closed the public hearing at approximately 7:12 p.m. The Board discussed the petition as the Committee of the Whole. The Board expressed safety concerns regarding the facility. They also discussed numerous resources that were available to Mr. Martin in the form of courses and help offered by the National Rifleman's Association. It was further stated that the Board was charged, by the precepts, with ***promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens*** of the County. The Board felt it was in the best interest of the citizens and themselves to delay a decision on this case until they felt they were able to keep Mr. Martin, the public and the Board safe with their decision. They also expressed concerns that there were too many adverse effects that could not be mitigated by conditions. Upon motion of Mr. Easley, seconded by Mr. Merricks, the following motion was adopted: Postpone our decision tonight to give Mr. Martin six (6) months to come back to us with a comprehensive site plan for a shooting range. Motion passed unanimously.

This concludes the Special Use Case.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

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Kenneth Talbott, Chairman

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Hannah R. Orgain, Clerk