

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



Virtual Meeting July 7, 2022

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Barbara Hoover

Charles Mess

Dan Seamans

Anne Davies

Bob Wilbur

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Aide

Guests:

Jamey Pratt, Montgomery Planning Department

Leslie Seville, Member Emeritus

Jon Nishwitz, Telcon Services

Dean Packard, Packard & Associates

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
Minutes from March 2022 were approved with edits.

Action Items:

Telcon Services fiber-optic line under rustic and exceptional rustic roads

Telecon discussed revision to plans; they will not install fiber-optic lines along Martinsburg, but rather they will boar under it. The committee requested clarification on the types of roadside markers that will be used. Request was made that the color be changed to either green or brown. Members reiterated their preference that the network be relocated through Frederick County. Letter to be drafted noting the committee’s preference to go through Frederick County; however, agreeing to approval if the marker colors can be changed and previous agreements are observed regarding drilling distance of 100 feet from roads.

Nash Country Estates, 3727 Gregg Road, Administrative Subdivision 620220040

Members conducted site visit with land use planner Dean Packard on June 30. Applicant requesting committees review of possible driveway location. In fact, driveway is already in place. Awaiting review for whether plans comply with subdivision exemption requirements. There is a possible chance of no development if grandfathering for zoning or an exemption are rejected. Committee requested planting of 3 trees from MCDOT “small tree” list to replace one that was removed. Letter to be drafted requesting minimal impact to the rustic road.

Discussion:

12120 Prices Distillery Road – Chapingo LLC Conditional Use Update

A hearing was held July 7 by Planning Board to review Chapingo’s CU application. Discussion took place regarding the need for septic, as well as negative impacts on the road and surrounding rustic roads, overweight trucks on nearby Burnt Hill Road bridge, and improper design of the driveway. The Planning Board voted to deny and is sending application to the Hearing Examiner. Committee plans to draft letter to hearing examiner refuting claims that the applicant made regarding RRAC, as well as include information about “No Thru Truck” restrictions along routes.

Zoom Meeting with Director Conklin

Committee reviewed the agenda for their meeting with MCDOT Director on July 12, to review its goals, and successes with each division.

River Road

Discussion held on MCDOT proposal to encapsulate asbestos in the roadway with geo-textile material. Members reviewed Penn State materials recommendation, as well as Frederick County processes. Drafting memo to MCDOT communicating the committee's findings.

Schaeffer Road Bridge

Redrafting letter to consultant clarifying the committee's preference, also requesting review by an historic preservation expert. Sub-committee formed to review and evaluate plans; possible Historic Preservation expert needed.

Information Items:**Tucker Lane**

Conducting site visit with MCDOT and resident to evaluate speeding and sharp curves on the road.

Batson Road

Conducting site visit for review for Administrative Subdivision plan and driveway.

Master Plan

Work sessions taking place – request rustic roads be added on a rolling basis.

Adjourn**8:57 p.m.**