

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



Virtual Meeting October 26, 2023

Attendees:

Members:

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Anne Davies

Barbara Hoover

Jamey Pratt, non-voting

Elena Shuvalov

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Christina Contreras
Tawanda Johnson, Executive Administrative Aide

Guests:

Casey Cirner, Miles and Stockbridge

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Action Items

Request for review of Turkey Foot Road driveway -- 12721 Split Creek Court secondary access (ROW Permit # 475156)

Attorney Casey Cirner represented homeowner Allen Barry Henderson who is requesting a 10-foot-wide apron in the right-of-way for a secondary access to his property for seasonal lawncare maintenance and other professionals' property access. RRAC agreed to write a memo to DPS supporting a grass driveway, or if necessary, a gravel driveway and seeking restoration of natural landscape. Committee memo must be prepared quickly to be timely given pending Board of Appeals deadline.

Proposed Tasting Room – Live Oak Farm – Peach Tree Road, Clarksburg

Would like to understand traffic counts for the site. Site seems to be far enough off the rustic road to avoid screening concerns.

Bucklodge Road, Application No. 11989032A – Light industrial use

While concerns regarding tree cover removal were present, there were additional trees added for screening that the Committee supports. The lots were subdivided as industrial years ago. Committee voted in support of the plan as presented.

Development Review Projects – Planning Department

No new projects presented.

Discussion Items

Appoint subcommittee to work on Regulations

Two members volunteered to serve.

Choose 2024 proposed meeting dates.

Jamey Pratt to provide schedule of proposed 2024 meeting dates for review.

Information Items

Chapingo LLC -- Board of Appeals to consider request for reconsideration of Chapingo CU denial Nov. 1.

Maintenance practices and RRFMP bullet point summary for MCDOT

Christina to get comments to Laura for draft. Committee approved to send when final.

Potential closing of ford on Prices Distillery Road in Frederick County

Frederick Rural Roads group held meeting with Frederick County Councilmember McKay. Open invitation for RRAC members to attend. While RRAC supports keeping Prices Distillery Road open, no formal requests for letters have been sought from the RRAC.

Improved signage on White Ground Road regarding bridge

Christina reported that MCDOT would relocate an existing sign and add a new sign closer to MD-28 based upon requests to Traffic Engineering and Operations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.