

Board of Appeals Teleconference (Thursday, August 13, 2020)

Drafted by Sherrie Young, Recording Secretary on Friday, August 14, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL: Attendance of Members, Presenters and Staff Support

Board of Appeals Members in Attendance Via:

CSMC Room

George Allan Hayden, Chairman
John E. Brown, Vice Chair
Lynn Delahay, Member
Wayne Miedzinski, Member
Rich Richardson, Member
Steve Scott, Board Attorney

Remote Teleconference

Dan Ichniowski, Alternate Member

Supporting Staff in Attendance Via:

CSMC Room

Bill Hunt, LUGM Director, AICP
Harry Knight, LUGM Deputy Director
David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Media Control Room

Amy Carter, Video/ Media Producer

Remote Teleconference

John Deatruck, DPW&T Director
Neil Murphy, Deputy County Attorney

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Sherrie Young, Recording Secretary

Appellants, Applicants & Representatives in Attendance Via:

Remote Teleconference

Barry Vukmer, Chesapeake Trails Surveying
Jay Hopson, Chesapeake Trails Surveying
Noah Fisher, Fisher Chicken Processing Plant
Jacob Fisher, Fisher Chicken Processing Plant
Andrew Schneider, D & D Engineering
Craig Sewel, Southern MD Agricultural Development Commission

3. AGENDA: August 13, 2020 Board of Appeals

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Continued from and Public Testimony Closed on the June 11, 2020 Board of Appeals Hearing.

“In the matter of CUAP #19-131-008, Fisher Chicken Processing Plant, having made a finding that the standards for granting a conditional use as specified in Section 51.2. General Regulations and Standards for All Uses, Subsection 3. Conditional Uses; and Section 51.3. Specific Regulations and Standards, for Use Number 1, Agricultural Industry, Major, of the St. Mary’s County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance have been met, I move to approve the request to approve the conditional use to allow a chicken processing plant, a use included in Use Number 1, Agricultural Industry, Major.”

Conditions:

1. The gravel should extend beyond all sides of the smoker and ash containers for a minimum distance of 10 feet.
2. Adopt a vegetation management plan to prevent growth of vegetation in the gravel area.
3. Signs should be provided on the smoker and ash containers prohibiting both parking and the placement or storage of combustibles within 10 feet of them.
4. Provide a portable fire extinguisher in a weatherproof cabinet mounted on the exterior face of the proposed processing facility nearest the smoker and ash containers.
5. Provide a Type K portable fire extinguisher inside the door to the processing facility, with specific signage to use in case of a grease fire. Post a sign on the smoker indicating the location of the Type K fire extinguisher. It must be kept inside to prevent freezing.
6. Follow the requirements of NFPA 96 regarding ash removal with these exceptions due to operations six days per week and the amount of ash produced:
 - a. Determine and document the necessary timeline for ash removal and present to St. Mary’s County, and
 - b. Extinguish any cinders as soon as the cinders and ash are removed from the smoker, rather than while inside the smoker.
7. Provide sufficient quantity and volume of metal ash containers to allow complete cooling of embers and hot ash prior to further disposing of the cool ashes. It will be necessary to provide at least two containers, with lids.
8. Provide a sound suppression enclosure, to dampen the sound of the generator.

Motion: Wayne Miedzinski Second: Lynn Delahay

Final Resolution: Motion Carried 5-0

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“I move to accept the minutes of the July 30, 2020 Board of Appeals meeting.”

Motion: John E Brown Second: Rich Richardson Final Resolution: Motion Carried 5-0

6. ADJOURN: Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

"I move to adjourn the July 30, 2020, Board of Appeals meeting. "

Motion: Wayne Miedzinski Second: John E Brown Final Resolution: Motion Carried 5-0