

**White Oak Township Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Planning Commission Members John Kemler, Aaron Graff, Missy Noll, and Ashley Anderson. Board Members Leela Vernon, Diane Graf, and Katrina Griffith-Zoning Administrator. Also in attendance was Jeff Keesler from McKenna, and Township residents, Marci and Chad Crandall and Allen Baker.

**Introduction of the Board:** Introductions were made of the Board.

**Approval of Agenda:** Aaron made a motion to accept the Agenda; Ashley seconded. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** John made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting with a slight revision; Ashley seconded. Minutes approved.

**Review of Gun Ordinance:**

The Board discussed the updated Gun Ordinance as prepared by McKenna.

**Public Comments on Gun Ordinance:**

Missy opened the Public Comments on the gun ordinance. The citizens had a few questions that were explained and agreed that it was good to only allow in commercial zoned property.

John made a motion to accept the Gun Ordinance; Ashley seconded.

A voice vote was taken, and the results are as follows:

Aaron – yes  
Missy – yes

John – yes  
Ashley – yes

Motion approved.

**Review of Noise Ordinance:**

The Board discussed the updated Noise Ordinance as prepared by McKenna. There are questions in Section 3 and Jeff indicated he would take back to Chris for clarification.

**Public Comments on Noise Ordinance:**

Missy opened the Public Comments on the noise ordinance. The citizens spoke up that they believe there should be some sort of noise ordinance during the daytime hours too. We did not approve the Noise Ordinance as there were too many questions without answers. So, we will need to discuss with Chris.

**Allen Baker's Request for a Renewal of his Special Use Permit:**

Received a renewal application from Allen Baker to renew his special use permit for the purpose of training dogs to track/hunt coyote on Parcel 33-12-12-17-200-004 and Parcel No. 33-12-12-17-200-002.

**Public Comments on Baker's Renewal of Special Use Permit:** Missy opened the Public Comments on the renewal of the special use permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were present to discuss their concerns. They are still asking for a cutoff time at night. They do not believe he can just run these dogs and have them barking all night.

After a lengthy discussion, Aaron made a motion to recommend that the Board approves Allen Baker's renewal of the Special Use Permit; however, include in the Special Use Permit that the hours of operation could only take place during 7:00 a.m. through 12:00 a.m. (midnight); Ashley seconded.

A voice vote was taken, and the results are as follows:

Aaron – yes  
Missy – yes

John – recused himself  
Ashley – yes

Motion approved. The renewal of the Special Use permit (with the time limitation) will be submitted to the Board at their next meeting for their review, recommending an approval from the Planning Commission.

**Other Township Business:**

Aaron brought up that we as a Planning Commission need to keep an eye on House Bills 5120 and 5121.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Aaron made a motion to adjourn; Ashley seconded. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Missy Noll  
Planning Commission Chair