

**St. Michaels Planning Commission**  
**St. Michaels Town Office**  
**300 Mill Street**  
In Person and Virtual Session  
June 21, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.

**Present:** Planning Commission Chairman Jefferson Knapp and Members Cynthia Allen, Chris Thomas, John Novak, Zoning Officer Kym Kudla, Town Administrator Rob Straebel, and members of the public.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Knapp called the Planning Commission's regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland.

**II. Minutes**

- June 7, 2022 - Member Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022, as presented. Member Allen seconded the motion, which then passed on a voice vote of 4-0 in favor.

**III. Discussion items**

*Noise*

Members discussed proposed changes and potential need for assistance to rewrite/review the noise ordinance.

The floor was open to public comment:

Julie Carter of Cherry Street asked if the proposed ban on gas powered lawn equipment was for all of town.

Terye Knopp of Foxys commented on changes proposed by the businesses who offer outdoor music and also stated the steps she has been taking to be more proactive regarding music.

Doug Rollow of Water Street urged the members to review all the available resources out there and seek assistance since noise can be a very technical issue and also feels they need to consider the environment.

Paulette Florio of Talbot Street suggested any proposed changes wait until end of season to allow businesses to see if self-policing works.

Jen Stevens of Bistro offered to speak with Harrison's to discuss outdoor music and willing to work with Town.

Tad duPont of Locust Street asked what metric/tool will be used to determine if self-policing is working.

Members moved to continue the noise discussion during the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Tents*

Chairman Knapp discussed where the members left off last with tents and reviewed proposed regulations.

Members proposed adding item 11 for fines and referring to section 340-212 of the zoning code.

Members discussed licensing/insurance needs and requirements of tent companies.

Ken Fox of Inn at Perry cabin stated that they require the tent companies to supply them with a COI.

Members motioned to continue the discussion to the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Tree Mitigation Grant*

Ms. Kudla suggested focusing on the tree mitigation bank which was created to allow tree plantings to occur throughout town. Mr. Straebel suggested including maintenance of trees in the bid.

Members agreed to add the hotel project to the agenda for July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide an update on the status.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 5-0 vote in favor on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jefferson Knapp', is written over a horizontal line.

Jefferson Knapp, Chairman