

**St. Michaels Planning Commission**  
**St. Michaels Town Office**  
**300 Mill Street**  
In Person and Virtual Session  
November 3, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

**Present:** Planning Commission Chairman Helen Herman and Members Chris Thomas, John Novak, Kristen Lycett and Cynthia Allen, Staff Kim Shellem, Town Administrator Rob Straebel, and members of the public.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Herman called the Planning Commission's regular meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland.

**II. Minutes**

October 13, 2022 – Member Lycett motioned to approve the minutes as written. Upon a second by Member Thomas, the motioned passed on a 5-0 vote.

**III. New Business**

St. Michaels Restaurant Association presentation regarding noise: Joan McNamara, on behalf of the Restaurant Association, and Terye Knopp of Foxy's restaurant provided the results for their self-policing in the form of a document listing locations, dates, noting the variance in sound checks #1 and #2.

Chief Smith commented that self-policing is working to some extent. He detailed the policy of Officers using body cameras. Chief Smith suggested seeking the advice of an attorney regarding enforcement. Chairman Helen suggests a revision to the sound levels. Both the Chief and Town Administrator felt that self-policing appears to be working.

Doug Rollow of Water Steet objected to the continued discussion as this was scheduled as a presentation only.

John Novak of E. Chew Avenue made a request of the police reports in relation to complaints about music.

Chairman Herman noted that the Planning Commission will hold a public forum and discussion November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Town Office regarding the noise ordinance.

**Discussion Items: Dog Park**

Mitch Ettinger led the presentation for a request for a dog park to be in Clinton Bradley Park, details included size, location, fencing etc. Other issues to consider included, grass, drainage, insurance, funding, location, ground cover, fencing, large/small dog sections, budget.

Member Thomas added that the proposal must meet the code requirements.

In response to Michael Meier of Cherry Street Chairman Herman said with complete information the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to the Commissioners as a concept plan for approval to move forward.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 5-0 vote in favor on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

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Helen Herman, Chairman