

The Town of Murphy Planning Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The following were present: Chairperson Carl Auvil, Frank Dickey, Noland Smith, John Fowler, and Blake Hughes. Secretary P.J. Siler, Town Attorney Mack Cowan, Town Manager Chad Simons, JM Teague Consultant Anna Sexton, and Bobby Funk with Mills Construction were also present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes, to approve the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 160D Amendments

J.M. Teague Consultant Anna Sexton presented the Chapter 160D Amendments to the land use ordinances to the Planning Board. Ms. Sexton stated that she has worked to get the town in compliance for the past several months, collaborating with Town Attorney Mack Cowan and Town Manager Chad Simons.

Mr. Simons stated that the ordinances must be passed and on the books before July 1.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Auvil, to approve the Chapter 160D amendments to the zoning code as presented, sending them to the Murphy Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Use Permit Application – Valley River Apartments

Secretary P.J. Siler swore Mr. Bobby Funk in.

Mr. Bobby Funk was representing Mills Construction. Mr. Funk stated that they are planning to build a 62 unit apartment complex on a property behind Wal-Mart. Mr. Funk revealed the site plan, and answered any questions that they had.

Mr. Dickey asked when they would get approval and would the project would get underway. Mr. Funk said they will know something by August, and that they will likely break ground in the summer of 2022.

Mr. Auvil asked if they could add a sidewalk all the way up to the access road.

Mr. Funk said the sidewalk could happen.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes, to approve the Special Use Permit Application for Valley River Apartments. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the application is attached in the zoning minute book.

Update from Zoning Administrator

Mr. Dickey updated the Board about a zoning permit issued for remodeling at Parker Drug Store.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Auvil, seconded by Dickey, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.