

Deep Creek Watershed Sign Committee Minutes

February 8, 2019

I. Call to order

II. Attendance

The following members were present: Morgan France, Julie Mead, Rob Michael, Jonathan Kessler, Jim Lascaris, Karen Myers, Karen Petrie and Bill Ingram.

The following subject matter experts were present: Mike Kenney (sign industry)

The following staff from the Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management were present: Deborah Carpenter and Bruce Metz

III. Old Business

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for 1-9-19 were re-approved to include SHA comments. The SHA summary provided by Kessler was also approved for posting on the website after SHA comments were added. The minutes for 1-23-19 were approved as presented

IV. New Business

Sign Types and Definitions

Definitions of signs were discussed and cross referenced with IZC (International Zoning Code) and the sign chapter within the current Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance. The following categories resulted:

1. On-premise / Free standing Sign - commercial zones
2. On-premise / Free standing Sign - residential / agricultural zones
3. On-premise Building Sign - commercial zones
4. On-premise Building Sign - residential / agricultural zones
5. Development Complex Sign - An On- Premise / free-standing sign within 100 feet of a qualifying commercial common area.
6. Development Residential Sign - An On-Premise / free-standing sign within 100 feet of a qualifying common area of residential development entrance.
7. On-Premise Directional Sign - A free-standing sign within 20 feet of the roadway entrance and within land owned or leased for the licensed business property location. (for all zones)

8. Outdoor Advertising Signs – (off-premise billboards) - Any offsite sign that is NOT within land owned or leased for the legal physical licensed business location.
9. Off-Premise Directional Sign - A free-standing sign within 20 feet of the roadway entrance and farther than 50 feet from the licensed business location.
10. Freestanding Yard Signs - A free-standing temporary sign.
11. Flag/Banner/Blade Signs - A temporary sign affixed to a pole, post or building. (for all zones)
12. Utility Pole Signs - Illegal in any right-of way or on utility poles / equipment.
13. Pole signs – A temporary sign attached to a pole that you own.
14. Sidewalk Signs - A temporary A-Frame or T-Frame sign located within 20 feet of a licensed business / non-residential use.
Cannot impede pedestrian traffic

It was determined that people / automobiles with wraps or signage should not be regulated.

It was also determined that balloons and air activated signage should be disapproved.

V. Review of Action Items

Tabled for consideration:

1. Are soda machines signs?
2. Should window signs be considered as part of building face?
3. Should window signs be considered permanent or temporary?
4. How should portable signs (trailers with attached signage) be regulated?
5. Board members were asked to consider height, size, setbacks from the roadways and sign permit applications and licensing.

VI. Next Meeting – February 13, 2019

VII. Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bruce Metz