Town of Sudlersville Planning Commission Meeting March 16, 2017

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Chairman Ford, Dianne Faust, Faye Williams (arrived late), Sue Elter and David Ruffner.

The minutes of the February 16, 2017 were approved as submitted with a motion by Elter and a second by Faust; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

The building permit log was reviewed.

Francis Kinnamon and Malcolm Faust were in attendance to review their business plan to place a Laundromat in the old middle school building at 201 N. Church Street. Topics discussed:

- Operating Hours: Kinnamon stated that the details were still being worked out but they were hoping to be open seven days a week. Right now they plan on having the week days open from 6 AM to 9 PM and maybe have longer hours on weekends.
- Attendant: They are considering having a part-time attendant.
- Entrance to the Laundromat was discussed. They plan on using a separate entrance so that the rest of the building cannot be accessed.
- Cameras: They plan on having cameras in the Laundromat for surveillance.
- Their plans are to have 10-20 washers and dryers depending on their projected demands. Sizes of machines will vary.
- They plan on having a small lounge area with a Wifi Hot Spot so that kids can do homework and other activities while waiting for laundry to be completed. They also plan on having a bathroom and an office space.
- They plan on using tokens instead of coin operated machines in order to reduce the possibility of money being stolen.
- They were informed that they will need to have a master sign plan approved by the planning commission for any signs that they plan to have. There was a suggestion to have signs inside that have both English and Spanish instructions.
- Timeline: Kinnamon stated that they are waiting on funding and to possibly have a public interest meeting.

A motion to write a letter to the fire company stating that the planning commission realizes that there is a need for a Laundromat in Sudlersville and that the Laundromat meets the zoning criteria for 201 N. Church Street was made by Elter, a second was made by Ruffner; a vote of 3-0-1 was entered, with Faust and Williams abstaining from the vote.

Medical Marijuana – Elter did some research and found that growing and processing creates foul odors and needs to be inside an enclosed building with proper air filtration and they don't need

much land for their operations. Bill Faust stated that he did not mind the growing and the processing part of the business but he did not want a distribution center in town. Elter stated that she has no problem with growing and processing in designated area zoned by the town, whether it be commercial or agriculture or both and how they are located in relation to the schools. Williams stated that she would like to hear from other Towns that have medical marijuana establishments and regulations. Elter made a suggestion to make permitting fees high. After discussion the planning commission decided that they needed to do more research on the topic. Bill Faust will try to find legal help and medical help in order to help answer any questions the planning commission may have.

With no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Marshall Town Clerk-Treasurer