

**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL  
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PINE LEVEL PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2015**

**MEETING INFORMATION**

The Pine Level Planning Board met on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pine Level Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Holloman with a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

✓ Chairman Randy Holloman	✓ Faye Starling (alt)
✓ Berry Godwin	✓ Cecelia Weaver (alt)
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✓ Janet Kleinert_	
✓ Terry Rains	
✓ Bob Harvey	

Others present for the meeting were Jerry Huffman, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes, and Deputy Clerk Connie Capps.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Deputy Clerk Connie Capps administered the oath of office to alternates Faye Starling and Cecelia Weaver. Their terms will expire on October 31, 2017.

**MINUTES**

Terry Rains made a motion to approve minutes from the meetings of August 7, 2014 and December 22, 2014. Berry Godwin seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written. There were no meetings held in September, October, or November.

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Randy Holloman said the Planning Board needed to convene as the Board of Adjustment in order to hold a public hearing on a conditional use permit filed by Jerry Huffman, which would allow him to operate a teen amusement center located at 3243-201 US 70 Highway in the city limits of Pine Level in an HB (Highway Business) district. This public hearing was advertised in the Pine Level Edition of the Kenly News on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 and Wednesday, January 21, 2015. At 6:35 p.m. Bob Harvey made a motion to close the Planning Board meeting and convene as the Board of Adjustment and Faye Starling seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Randy Holloman opened the public hearing. He said that anyone wishing to speak during the public hearing would need to be sworn in. Jerry Huffman came forward and was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Connie Capps.

Chairman Holloman informed board members that the zoning ordinance states that an indoor amusement facility in an HB (Highway Business) or C (Commercial) District must apply for a conditional use permit. Hours specified in the ordinance for this type of business are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Chairman Holloman then gave Jerry Huffman the opportunity to tell the board what he would like to do at his business.

Mr. Huffman said that the name of his business is PULSE and he would like to have a teen venue for teens 14-18 years of age. He said it would basically be a hang-out for teens. He said the staff included himself, his sister and brother-in-law. He said he currently has a pool table, game room, DJ, and dance floor. The foods that are sold consist of snacks, such as candy bars, pre-packaged foods, and soda. He said there is no alcohol allowed in the building or on the property. Mr. Huffman said that he would also like to rent out the building for birthday parties on weekends. He said he could accommodate about 40 people. He said he felt something was needed for teens in this area. He said that if parents wanted to go out and eat and to a movie, they could bring the kids inside and fill out an

information card with the kid and parent's information on it. He said parents would have to sign the kids in and out each night. He said right now he may have 8-12 kids that are coming. He said that Chief Keith Sparks and the policemen had dropped by on several occasions just to observe. He said he would like to extend the hours of operation on Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. midnight. He said property owner, Dickie Braswell, is supporting him on this. Bob Harvey complimented Mr. Huffman for doing this for the teens and said it would give the kids something to do.

Berry Godwin told Mr. Huffman that he had no problem with what he would like to do, but that he would like to place a condition on the permit stating that "No Alcohol should be allowed in the building or on the property for any event or party." Mr. Huffman said that he did not have a problem with that condition at all. Chairman Holloman asked board members for any more questions or conditions that they would like to see placed on this permit.

Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes suggested extending the hours during the summer would be a good idea due to kids being out of school. After some discussion, the board members decided that extending the hours might be a good idea. Chief Sparks even suggested maybe extending the hours on New Year's Eve until 1 a.m. for a New Year's Eve party for the kids if the business continues to be successful.

Berry Godwin asked what price he charged for the kids. Mr. Huffman said \$10 per night. He said we do offer specials from time to time like \$5 Fridays and School Spirit Night \$5.

Mr. Huffman said his sister, who is part of his staff, sits at the door with the information cards and checks all kids in and out.

Chairman Randy Holloman said that one condition has been placed on the permit stating: **(1) No alcohol allowed in the building or on the property for any event or party.** He also said the board needed to vote on this condition and the hours of operation for the business. Bob Harvey then made a motion to accept the condition placed on the permit and to approve the **hours of operation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. midnight**

**seven days a week with the exception of December 31<sup>st</sup> to remain open until 1:00 a.m. for a New Year's Eve party.** Cecelia Weaver seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve both the condition and hours of operation.

At 7:00 p.m. Berry Godwin made a motion close the public hearing and reconvene as the Planning Board. Janet Kleinert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Chairman Randy Holloman said that Richard Arthur was on the agenda but was not ready to come before the Planning Board with his project.

Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes said he had a concern with the weight limit of trucks on town streets. He said the Town had put up signs for NO THRU TRUCKS, but some trucks are parking on the edge of the streets and tearing up the road edge. He said he had talked with the police, and Chief Sparks said that the ordinance only addresses HazMat vehicles and not the weight limit of trucks. Chairman Randy Holloman suggested that he bring this concern before the Town Board and let them address this issue.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business Berry Godwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Rains seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Connie N. Capps  
Deputy Clerk

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Randy Holloman, Chairman