

Montgomery County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne DeMallie, Chairman
Erin Covey, Member
David Wiener, Member
Mark Hoffman, Vice Chair
Irene Collins, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner
Karl Gustafson Jr., Grant Assistant
Andrew Santillo, Assistant

ABSENT:

Doug Stahura, Member
Angela Frederick, Member
Betty Sanders, Alternate
Ron Jemmott, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Strong- New Leaf Energy
Lydia Lake- New Leaf Energy
Katelynn Myers- Hutchison Harvest
Stan Waddle- Town of Mohawk

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne DeMallie at 6:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The roll call of board members was done by Chairman DeMallie.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Mark Hoffman made a motion to adopt the agenda, Irene Collins seconded. All members present were in favor.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Erin Covey made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes, Mark Hoffman seconded the motion. The previous minutes were approved.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comments.

VI. Town of Mohawk – Local Law Amendment

Mark Hoffman explained that the referral from the Town of Mohawk is a change in the zoning law. Alex stated that one change in the law was to specify what is allowed in a mobile home park/ trailer park. The other change to the zoning law was to prohibit commercial motocross tracks without a special use permit.

Stan Waddle the code enforcement officer from the Town of Mohawk called in to describe the specifications of the motocross change. He stated that residents can use ATV's and dirt bikes on their own property but when it becomes a motocross course, then they would need a special use permit.

Dave Wiener made the motion to approve the referral, seconded by Erin Covey.

All were in favor.

The referral was approved

VII. Town of Amsterdam- Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch explained that this is a site plan review to relocate the existing facility entrance and replace the current entrance with landscaped green space.

Dave wiener stated that this entrance makes it a lot safer to enter the facility.

Dave Wiener made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Erin Covey.

All were in favor.

The referral was approved.

VIII. Town of Florida- Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch explained that this is a site plan review for a USDA certified slaughter house. Katelynn Myers from Hutchison Harvest explained that it will be a meat processing facility with a store as well.

Erin covey asked why they need to get a special use permit. Alex stated that in the Town of Florida where the project is, it is zoned agriculture and they will need a special use permit to open up the store.

Erin Covey made the motion to approve, seconded by Mark Hoffman.

All were in favor.

The referral was approved.

IX. Town of Florida- Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch stated that this is a site plan review for a single windmill in the Town of Florida. Alex brought up that the board had previously voted on the variance a few months ago to raise the height requirements in the town.

Dave Strong from New Leaf Energy gave a brief overview of the project stating that it is a single 4.3 Mega Watt wind turbine located on YMCA Road in the Town of Florida. Dave brought up that since the construction of the wind turbine will be using county roads, they will have a fund set aside to repair any of the damages caused by the developers. Dave also stated that the electricity has to stay local.

Alex Kuttesch spoke with Eric Mead about the project and Eric said there hasn't been any public backlash against the project.

Lydia Lake from New Leaf Energy stated that the project sits on a 135 acre lot and the project itself will be roughly 5 acres. Dave wiener asked about the RF study. Lydia stated that if residents in the area are having trouble with antennae's that there will be money for the town through the project to resolve such issues.

Mark Hoffman made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Dave Wiener.

All were in favor.

The referral was approved.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Adjournment

Erin Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mark Hoffman.
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Gustafson Jr.
Economic Development Grant Assistant