

Montgomery County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020
(digital meeting via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Hoffman, Vice Chair
Erin Covey, Member
Ronald Jemmott, Member
David Wiener, Member
Betty Sanders, Alternate

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner
Vinnie Nicosia, Economic Dev. Specialist
Andrew Santillo, Economic Dev. Assistant
Karl Gustafson Jr., Grant Assistant

ABSENT:

Irene Collins, Member
John Lyker, Member
Wayne DeMallie, Chairman
Angela Frederick, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mark Hoffman at 6:32 p.m.

II. Role Call

The roll call of board members was done by Vice Chairman Hoffman.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Mark Hoffman made a motion to accept the agenda, Betty Sanders seconded. All members present were in favor.

IV. Approval of previous Minutes

Betty Sanders made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes, David Wiener seconded the motion. The previous minutes were approved.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Town of Amsterdam- Site Plan Review

Senior Planner Alex Kuttesch explained that this is a solar project and it is very similar to the previous site plan reviews the board has gotten in the past. Alex stated that the company has added some buffers to limit visibility and that they have met the requirements of the setbacks.

David Wiener had a concern that the Town of Amsterdam had changed their setbacks to 200 feet from any boundary line. David brought up a run-off concern with the creek that runs right next to the property. David also mentioned that a part of the SEQR form wasn't filled out correctly and that the town had planned a PUD project for that site.

Erin Covey stated that although the problems found by David Wiener might be alerting, if the project meets all of the town requirements than there is no problem with the project.

Ron Jemmott mentioned that page 22 of the SEQR form was incomplete.

David Wiener made the suggestion that the board takes no action on the item until the board knows exactly what the requirements the Town of Amsterdam has for solar farms.

Mark Hoffman made a motion to take no action, with recommendation to complete SEQR forms and to check on setbacks and buffers around the property, Betty Sanders seconded it.

All were in favor of taking no action.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

Betty Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Erin Covey. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Gustafson Jr.
Economic Development Grant Assistant