

Montgomery County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12th , 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Lyker, Member
David Wiener, Member
Erin Covey, Member
Irene Collins, Member
Mark Hoffman, Vice Chair
Betty Sanders, Alternate

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner
Ken Rose, Eco. Dev. Director
Vinnie Nicosia, Economic Dev. Specialist

ABSENT:

Wayne DeMallie, Chairman
Ronald Jemmott, Member
Angela Frederick, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mark Hoffman at 6:30.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Betty Sanders made a motion to accept the agenda, John Lyker seconded. All were in favor.

III. Minutes

John Lyker made a motion to accept the previous meeting Minutes, seconded by Betty Sanders. All were in favor.

IV. Organizational Meeting

John Lyker nominated Wayne DeMallie to be the Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board, seconded by Erin Covey. All were in favor.

John Lyker nominated Mark Hoffman to be the Vice Chairman, seconded by Erin Covey. All were in favor.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Town of Amsterdam: Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch explained that this referral will be for Sydney Bank. They are looking to tear down and build a new facility in the town of Amsterdam. John Lyker asked about if the location was zoned correctly for a bank/credit union. Alex Kuttesch explained that the referral passed through the Town of Amsterdam planning board.

John Lyker made the motion to accept the Town of Amsterdam's referral, Erin Covey seconded. All were in favor.

Referral was passed.

VII. Town of Florida: Site Plan Review

Steve Wilson from Bohler Engineering stated that Amazon is looking to move into an existing building in the Town of Florida Business Park. The building is 53,000 square feet and is located next to Alpin House. It will be used as a delivery station for Amazon. Steve stated that it will be a 24/7 operation, with 10 trucks coming and going from the hours of 10 PM to 8 AM.

Betty Sanders asked how many people will be employed at the facility. Steve stated roughly 120 people will work at the facility. Numbers could go up around holiday season.

Steve explained that the only improvements they are making to the property is paving the entrance of the parking lot and expanding the existing parking lot.

David Wiener made the motion to pass the referral, Betty Sanders seconded it. All were in favor.

The referral was passed

VIII. Town of Florida: Zoning Code Amendment

Alex Kuttesch explained that the Town of Florida was approached by a gentleman that wants to open up a winery. Where he wants to open the winery, it is currently not in the zoning code. Alex stated that the Town of Florida didn't have any issues with the amendment change. The Town of Florida is looking to add Alcohol production to the existing zone.

John Lyker made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Irene Collins. All were in favor.

The referral was passed.

IX. Town of Palatine — Special Use Permit & Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch explained that it will be a Verizon Cell tower located in the Town of Palatine Bridge. He stated that there is a big networking gap in the towns of Canajoharie, palatine and Fort Plain. He also stated that the tower will be 150 feet high with a 70'x70' fence surrounding the structure. It will be a free standing tower. David asked how far away from property lines it was, Alex answered that the land is owned by the Dygert farm and is far from the next neighbors property.

Erin Covey made a motion to approve the referral, John Lyker seconded. All were in favor. Betty Sanders Abstained.

The referral was approved.

X. Other Business

John Lyker stated that the Town of Canajoharie has put a moratorium on any new solar projects for the next 6 months. Mark Hoffman also stated that the Town of Mohawk put a moratorium on new solar projects as well.

XI. Adjournment

Irene Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM, seconded by Erin Covey.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Gustafson Jr.
Grant Assistant