

Montgomery County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2024
(meeting held in MCBDC, 113 Park Drive, Fultonville)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Hoffman, Chairman
Irene Collins, Member
Wayne DeMallie, Alternate
David Wiener, Vice Chairman
Frank Szykowski, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Betty Sanders, Alternate
Angela Frederick, Member
Erin Covey, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kylie Ferguson- Dunn & Dunn
Anna Rehder- New Leaf Energy

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Hoffman at 6:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Adoption of the Agenda

David Wiener made a motion to adopt the agenda, Frank Szykowski seconded. All members present were in favor.

IV. 2024 Organizational Items

The board voted to re-elect Mark Hoffman as the Chairman and David Wiener as the Vice Chairman. Motion was made by Irene Collins, seconded by Frank Szykowski.

Meeting dates and time stayed the same. Second Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Wayne DeMallie made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes, Irene Collins seconded the motion. The previous minutes were approved.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Town of Mohawk- Zoning Change

Alex Kuttesch stated the referral is a zoning change for the Town of Mohawk that would include a PUD District (Planned Unit Development) in the current zoning. Mark Hoffman stated that the proposed district is located on Route 5 in between Fonda and Canajoharie. What is being proposed for the PUD district is a diamond mines that include some lodging and a possible water bottling plant for a spring that is located in the district.

Irene Collins made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by David Wiener. All members were in favor.

The referral was approved.

VIII. Town of Palatine- Special Use Permit & Site Plan Review

Alex Kuttesch explained that this referral is a site plan review and special use permit for a four megawatt solar project in the Town of Palatine. Anna Rehder from New Leaf Energy stated that the project sits on a 13.5 acres of land. There are wetlands on the site but they are not being disturbed by the project. There is an access road off of Staley Road. There will be 8 acres of trees being removed but the project itself will be shielded by trees. Kylie Ferguson from Dunn & Dunn spoke up and stated that the solar law that was put in place in the Town of Palatine is meant for projects like this one. Kylie also stated that the Town Board is comfortable with this project.

David Wiener asked about endangered species. Anna stated that there is a cave of Northern Long-eared Bats about 4 miles away and the project has submitted documents to fish and wildlife and has stated that clearing of the trees will only be done in the winter when the bats are nesting in the cave.

Wayne DeMallie made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Frank Szykowski. All were in favor.

The referral was approved.

IX. Other Business

There was no other business.

X. Adjournment

Irene Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by David Wiener.
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Gustafson Jr.
Economic Development Grant Assistant