

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes –
August 11, 2022

In attendance: DAWN ANDERSEN, Town of Livonia; TIM BRINDUSE, Village of Dansville; KEVIN FAHEY, Village of Mt Morris; CATHIE GEHRIG, Town of Mt Morris, APRILE MACK, Village of Geneseo; CLARA MULLIGAN, Town of Avon; DENNIS NEENAN, Town of Lima; ALEX PIERCE, Town of Nunda; JARED RADESI, Town of Geneseo; KAREN ROFFE, Village of Leicester; SARAH SANTORA, Village of Caledonia; JOANNE PALMER, Village of Livonia; JOHN VAN HEUSEN, Town of Ossian

Staff: HEATHER FERRERO, Deputy Planning Director, MARY UNDERHILL, Planner, SHAWN ROONEY, Planner, STEPHANIE JOHNSON, Administrative Secretary

Members Excused: JOAN CRUNDEN, Town of Caledonia; MARY ELLYN MERLE CALABRESE, Town of Sparta; BARRY INGALSBE, Village of Lima; JILL KALMAR, Town of West Sparta; DON KANE, Town of Leicester;

Members Absent: ROBERT HAYES, Village of Avon; JOHN YUNKER, Alternate #1

Guests: Frank Rose Jr.

Ms. Ferrero brought the August 11, 2022, meeting of the Livingston County Planning Board to order at 7:04 pm

Ms. Ferrero led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Update on the Leicester/York Regional Water Supply Expansion Project by Jason Molino, Executive Director, Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority

Mr. Molino presented.

Chairman Pierce entered the meeting and took over as chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Pierce provided an overview of New York State General Municipal Law, Section 239-1, m, & n and reviewed the rules for member participation and voting.

- Abstentions: No abstentions

Approval of Minutes from the July 14, 2022, County Planning Board Meeting

As there was not a quorum, action on this item will be delayed until the September meeting.

Zoning Referral #2022-060, Town of York, Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit & Area Variance Review for a Bar/Tavern, Lodging, and Entertainment Establishment on Route 36 (Applicant: Frank Rose, Jr.)

Mr. Rooney presented the staff report. Items discussed included:

- Recommendation to reverse the traffic direction of the one-way drive/parking lot
- Add signage showing the direction/one way
- Add another entrance/exit to the parking lot on the Virginia Avenue side to help alleviate the amount of traffic on Route 36

A motion to recommend Approval of Zoning Referral #2022-060 with staff advisory comments and County Planning Board comments, was made by Mr. Radesi and seconded by Ms. Gehrig. There was unanimous agreement, but, due to lack of quorum, the motion failed to carry.

Training on Standard Advisory Comments and Solar Local Laws, Moratoria, and Projects

Ms. Ferrero and Ms. Underhill presented. Standard Advisory Comments for Solar Local Laws were reviewed. Comments for Solar Projects will be reviewed at the September meeting. The Board requested additional information on electrical interference including cell phones and impacts of stray voltage, especially with livestock.

Zoning Referral #2022-062, Town of Mount Morris, Review of “A Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the Creation of New Solar Farms in the Town of Mount Morris” (Applicant: Town of Mount Morris)

Ms. Underhill presented the staff report. Items discussed included:

- Suggestion was made to consider changing the words “Solar Farm” to “Solar Project” or something similar in future zoning amendments
- Soil benchmarks should be tracked from the exact spots where the original samples were taken to maintain consistency

A motion to recommend Approval of Zoning Referral #2022-062 with staff advisory comments and County Planning Board comments, was made by Mr. Brinduse and seconded by Ms. Palmer. There was unanimous agreement, but, due to lack of quorum, the motion failed to carry.

Local Announcements

- None

Other Business / Communication

- Mr. Rooney mentioned the county has revamped their website and suggested board members take a look at it to verify all the current information on the site looks accurate
- Ms. Ferrero discussed quorum issues. From 2021 to present, we have been unable to make official action on 23 out of 63 referrals due to lack of quorum. Ms. Ferrero may place an ad to advertise the vacant Alternate positions as well as contact local municipalities that are vacant.
- Ms. Ferrero mentioned the Solar Tour on September 13, 2022. Registration is open now through August 26th limiting two members per municipality. After August 26th remaining

seats will be opened up to more members. Participants can earn 7 hours of training credits.

- The next County Planning Board meeting will be held on September 8, 2022

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Radesi and seconded by Mr. Brinduse. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32pm

Respectfully submitted, C. Joan Crunden, Secretary

Recorded by Stephanie Johnson