

Planning Board Meeting- Town of York

July 10, 2018

Present: Joe McIlroy (Chair), Dave Dermody, Chris Wall, Alan Brightman, Heather Grant, Davies Nagel (Alt)

Others: Carl Peter (Code Enforcement Officer), Donna Falkner, Roger McCracken, Norm Gates, Scott Batzing, Dave Bojanowski

7:30 pm Mr. McIlroy opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Dermody moved to approve the May 8 minutes as written, Mr. Wall seconded, all in favor, carried.

Yes - 5      No – 0

Mr. McIlroy said that a letter was received from the county regarding the Wilcox mansion. The Wilcox's not ready to go ahead so tabled.

York Fire Department

Mr. McIlroy explained that the York Fire Department was looking for suggestions from the Planning Board regarding building a new building on their property. The fire department is exempt from site plan process, variances, etc.

Chief Geiger explained what they were going to do.

- 80 x 80 ft. truck bay
- Every building presently in back would be taken down as well as the underground and overhead electric lines and small water line
- Just under 1 acre of disturbance

Mr. Brightman asked why put it so tight to the houses?

Chief Geiger – we want to eventually add on to the north, plus it will leave flat ground for events and eventually have the new firehall there.

Mr. Peter said that the more we move it the more we have to extend the utilities from York Road West and we don't know about the sewer.

Chief Geiger – plus we'll add parking on the business side. We will put up a fence to keep the headlights from going in the windows of the houses.

Mr. Dermody – is there a natural drain for water.

Mr. Peter answered that the northeast corner is the lowest point of the property. Chief Geiger said we will be putting in an earthen retention basin behind where the bear toss and dunker are.

Mr. Peter said that we're hoping to put in an underground pipe to tap into the county pipe on Dave Rose's property.

Mrs. Grant asked where the trucks will come out.

Chief Geiger said out of the existing driveways. There will be 4 truck bays, double deck with west and east side doors.

Mr. McIlroy suggested moving it back if possible, have buffers. Have to follow the building codes and retention ponds.

Mr. Brightman asked when do you consider adding on?

Chief Geiger said we haven't because we will need additional funding. There won't be anything in the north wall to hinder adding on. A steel building.

Mr. Wall asked if the existing building will remain.

Chief Geiger said once we don't need the present building it will be torn down. Mr. Peter said we would eventually talk to the town about possible municipal parking there.

Mrs. Grant asked about the Retsof hall.

Chief Geiger said it is in the process of being sold to a local business, but our office would remain there for now.

Mr. Brightman asked what the time frame would be. Chief Geiger said from moving of the dirt, probably 4 months.

Mr. McIlroy said the biggest thing would be the buffering, especially after removing the present building. He said that he talked to Mr. Campbell and all we can do is suggest.

Chief Geiger said that the fire department's lawyer is submitting a letter for exemption to the Town Board.

Genesee Valley Conservancy – Scott Batzing and Dave Bojanowski

Mr. Bojanowski said that they would like a letter signed by the Planning Board for the grant that is coming up. The Town Board and Mr. Deming have signed one.

Mr. Batzing wants his land in ag forever.

I might reword this as “Mr. Bojanowski recommended that because Mr. Nagel is on the Genesee Valley Conservancy Board as well as on the Town of York Planning Board it’s best that he recuse himself so there would be no conflict of interest in the letter signed by the Planning Board for the grant. Mr. Nagel left.

Mr. Bojanowski continued

- New grant is slightly different and time sensitive
- Goal is to protect the really good soils
- Livingston County has good prime soils that are very productive for ag, especially in the northern part of the county.
- Mr. Batzing has 604 acres with 440 tillable and the greenway runs through it.
- No restrictions on timber
- State doesn’t want to put burden on farm to produce

Mrs. Grant asked about solar development. Mr. Bojanowski said for own use but not a solar farm. An industrial wind turbine could be put up. The conservancy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitor of the land – to keep it viable. It has held up in courts numerous times and IRS conflicts. A conservancy easement, NYS gov’t out of it, still same taxes.

Mr. Dermody stated the development rights are gone.

Mr. Wall asked if there was any negative impact as far as the town is concerned?

Mr. Bojanowski said there is no change

Mr. Dermody said it would remain farming forever. Mr. Bojanowski said used perpetuity instead of forever.

Mr. Dermody moved that Mr. McIlroy sign the letter for the Batzings, Mr. Brightman seconded, all in favor, carried.

Yes - 5                      No - 0

Motion at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn by Mr. Dermody, Mr. Brightman seconded, carried.

Yes – 5                      No - 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Falkner, Clerk