

Town of York Planning Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Skype meeting

York Planning Board present: Joe McIlroy, Chris Wall, Al Brightman, David Dermody, Davies Nagel (1st alt), Heather Grant

Others: Donna Falkner, James Campbell, Atty., Carl Peter, Amos Smith, Dave Ingalls(Engineer), Tom Trathen, Kirk Richenberg, Joe Hens (Ingalls & Assoc. Solar Park), Jerry Deming, James Burton (TYLin International Engineer), Shawn Grasby, Tom Guzek, Joe Hens, Steven Beardsley

Chairman McIlroy opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and read the following notice for tonight's meeting.

This meeting is being conducted remotely pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, this meeting will be recorded and transcribed. There will be no privileges of the floor and the public will not be permitted to comment during this meeting.

Resolution:

Mr. Dermody moved to accept February 25 minutes, Mr. Brightman seconded, carried.

Yes – 4 No-0

Mr. Burton stated that the solar application for Solar Park is complete and that the missing data has been completed.

Mr. McIlroy asked Mr. Grasby if he had any comments and he answered no.

Mr. McIlroy asked the board and others if there were any questions.

Mr. Brightman asked if there was a 300 ft. setback and Mr. McIlroy asked which site plan was being used. Mr. Ingalls said the 5 sheet site plan revised 2-4-20. There is a 300 ft. setback to the residential structures and the plan recognizes the prime agricultural land.

Mr. Burton said that the purpose of tonight's meeting was not to go into a detailed discussion of the technical aspects about the plan tonight.

Resolution:

Mr. McIlroy moved to acknowledge the application of Solar Park as complete based on the recommendations of the town engineer, Mr. Brightman seconded, carried:

Yes – 4 No – 0

Resolution:

Mr. Dermody moved to send the application materials to the Livingston County Planning Board to review at their next meeting, Mrs. Grant seconded, carried.

Yes – 5 No – 0

Resolution:

Mr. Brightman moved to declare the intent of the York Planning Board to be Lead Agency for the coordinated SEQR review, Mr. McIlroy seconded, carried.

Yes – 5 No -0

Mr. Campbell said written notice should be sent to other applicants and he will prepare the letter and get it to Donna to mail.

Mr. McIlroy said we need to look at how we can have a public hearing for the townspeople to take part in.

Mr. Campbell said he had a conversation with Mr. Guzek, Mr. Burton and others. We can use Skype to hold a remote meeting and have the Applicant do a mailing throughout the Town as well as the required publishing. We can email each other with ideas.

Mr. Hens did prepare a site plan if it was needed. Mr. Guzek is worried about size of mailing. Mr. Campbell said a lot of people did not use internet and a mailing is needed to reach everyone. Mr. Burton liked a 3-D concept. Mr. Ingalls liked the idea and could schedule a viewing at the Town Hall. But the Town Hall is closed.

Mr. McIlroy feels all residents in town should receive the mailing (about 1200?). Mr. Burton said that would be about \$666 to cover whole community – single page with drawing on back. Mr. Hens asked about local paper. Mr. Campbell said it doesn't reach all the people and single page letter with contact information will be required. Mr. Guzek agreed. Mr. Ingalls wondered if we should set public hearing date and put it in the letter.

Mr. Guzek asked if we would have to have meeting or have responses back from the mailing. Mr. Campbell said we have to have a public hearing and they could respond after with comments. The letter should contain rendering, description of site and contact information for Skype session.

Mr. McIlroy suggested having the public meeting in May and leave it open for comments. Mr. Campbell said that would be ok but remember we have another solar project coming for the end of May.

Mr. McIlroy said we should separate the two projects, Mr. Brightman and Mr. Wall agreed.

Mr. Campbell stated that we do not have to wait for the 30 day SEQR period to hold a public hearing as long as we keep the hearing open.

Mr. Dermody wondered if we would want public hearing before we discuss it as a board. We should look at the letter and not cram it through.

Mr. Campbell suggested the board look at application and letter and discuss the application materials at the May 26 meeting and schedule the Public Hearing in June.

Mr. Peter asked if the Livingston County Planning Board was meeting and Mr. Campbell said they were. Mr. Campbell will submit the package to the county for their review.

Mr. McIlroy said to set the Public Hearing at the May 26 meeting. We would know them went it would be meeting in the Town Hall or by Skype. Also look at the draft letter.

Mr. Guzek asked when should we send the letter to the community. Mr. Campbell suggested circulating the letter to the board before the May meeting and then the letter can be sent inserting the Public Hearing date.

Mr. Guzek asked Mr. Ingalls if he wanted him to lay out what he's planning to do. He wants to be in the ground in July or August and is trying to coordinate with the other solar entity planning a project.

Mr. Campbell stated that after the Public Hearing is held in June we will need to hold open for comments. Mr. Campbell further stated that the Applicant should keep in mind that the payment in lieu of tax agreement with the with the town and county will have to be finalized. The town requires you to enter into a pilot agreement with them prior to permits being pulled.

Mr. Ingalls asked if there was a preference of emailing comments or sending written comments and they should go to the Planning Board chair at the Town Hall address.

Mr. Wall asked if going forward remotely if the invite could go out as a calendar entry instead.

Mr. Ingalls asked Jim when he would have comments to send to them. Mr. Burton will send comments to the Planning Board.

Resolution:

Mr. Wall moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm, Mr. Wall seconded, carried

Yes – 5 No - 0

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Falkner, Clerk