

**Town of York Planning Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

York Planning Board present: Joe McIlroy, Chris Wall, Al Brightman, Heather Grant, & David Dermody

Absent: Chris McLouth & Davies Nagel

Others: Donna Falkner, Matt Halladay, Michael Phelps (Stein Farms), Michelle Heineman, Joa

Chairman McIlroy opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:30 pm

Mr. Wall moved to accept Oct 8 minutes with the corrections made, Mr. Brightman seconded, carried.

Yes – 4 No-0

Mr. Halladay (Genesee Valley Conservancy) informed the board about the land grants available for dairy farms in Livingston County. The farms can apply for funding in return for conservation easement rights. Application to submit to a land trust. They are asking for the support of the board in the form of a letter that talks about infrastructure, access to development, etc. to keep farmland as is preserving the land. There is 590 acres and Armson, Heindale & Stein farms are putting in separate applications for the grant program. Also the Milligan Farm in Wyoming county.

Mr. Wall asked what a non-ag type of program was. Mr. Halladay said it's a pretty loose definition such as hops. They use NYS templar solar which right off the bat prohibits large solar fields. Within the boundary you can do solar, outside the boundary only 2%. Each county has its own selection policy for who it applies to. Goal is to shoot for 12 million, but will get at least 5.7 million. The farmers read about the informational meeting for applying for grants. Ms. Petzen said the conservancy is good about meeting with the farmers. Mr. Halladay said what they need is a letter from the planning entity to go ahead with it.

Mr. McIlroy said that he didn't think any of the parcels were in the Comp plan for further commercial use. Mr. Halladay said that anyone with a conflict of interest (money exchange) would have to recuse themselves. Mr. McIlroy asked if the Town Board had passed a resolution to write the letter. Mr. Halladay said yes and he can forward a draft of the Batzing letter for us to see.

Mr. Wall asked what happens if the land sells? Ms. Heineman said the easement stays with the new owner.

Mrs. Grant moved to write a letter of support, Mr. Brightman seconded, all in favor, carried

Yes – 4 No – 0

Mr. Wall asked if there could be an overlay map showing what was there. Mr. Halladay said there is 20,000 acres close to here and he will forward it to Mr. McIlroy.

Mr. Dermody arrived.

Mr. McIlroy brought up credit hours and people needed to get training in either on line or by attending

county planning board minutes. Mr. McLouth will not be returning next year.

Mr. McIlroy talked to the water department regarding the Habitat for Humanity subdivision. Sewer and water are there but they want a minimum of 50 ft. frontage. There is an old cast iron waterline there and they want them to stay as far away as possible from that. They recommended putting the driveway to the north.

Mr. Dermody moved to adjourn at 8:35, Mr. Wall seconded, carried.

Yes – 5 No - 0

Respectfully submitted
Donna K Falkner