

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes –
June 8, 2023

In attendance: KEVIN FAHEY, Village of Mount Morris; DON KANE, Town of Leicester; ALEX PIERCE, Town of Nunda; DONALD WESTER, Town of Conesus; JOHN YUNKER, Alternate #1; CLARA MULLIGAN, Town of Avon; THERESA GLEASON, Village of Lima; CATHIE GEHRIG, Town of Mt Morris; JOANNE PALMER, Village of Livonia; JACOB CALABRESE, Town of Sparta; DENNIS NEENAN, Town of Lima; JARED RADESI, Town of Geneseo;

Staff: HEATHER FERRERO, Deputy Planning Director; STEPHANIE JOHNSON, Administrative Secretary; TED GRISWOLD, Planner, VICTORIA FEARS, Planning Assistant

Members Excused: TIM BRINDUSE, Village of Dansville; SARAH SANTORA, Village of Caledonia; JOHN VAN HEUSEN, Town of Ossian; KEITH STEIN, Town of Caledonia; DAWN ANDERSEN, Town of Livonia;

Members Absent: ROBERT HAYES, Village of Avon; KAREN ROFFE, Village of Leicester; APRILE MACK, Village of Geneseo; DONALD WILCOX, Village of Nunda;

Guests: SCOTT HULBURT, Town of York

Chairman Pierce brought the June 8, 2023, meeting of the Livingston County Planning Board to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Fahey led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pierce welcomed Victoria Fears, Planning Assistant in the Planning Department.

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

- No quorum present
- Ms. Palmer requested to abstain from referral # 2023-038 due to being on the Town of Livonia Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes from the May 11, 2023, County Planning Board Meeting

Chairman Pierce asked if there were any changes to the May 11, 2023, minutes.

Due to lack of quorum, approval of minutes will be done at the July 13, 2023 meeting.

Zoning Referral #2023-041, Town of Sparta, Review of the Town of Sparta One-Year Moratorium on Commercial and Large Scale Wind Towers and Wind Turbines (Applicant: Town of Sparta)

Mr. Griswold presented the staff report. There were no additional comments from the Board.

A motion to recommend Approval of Zoning Referral #2023-041 with staff advisory comments was made by Ms. Gehrig and seconded by Mr. Kane.

The motion failed to carry due to lack of quorum. 12-0-0.

Zoning Referral #2023-038, Town of Livonia, Area Variance for construction of a new garage and additions to the existing residence at 5218 East Lake Road (Applicant: Jeff & Kathleen Padlick)

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

- Mr. Pierce asked a question the material of the new driveway and if it was going to be impervious. Mr. Griswold responded stating the referral does not specify the material make-up of the driveway.
- Mr. Fahey questioned the setback of the current structure, since it is already close to the setback, there is concern for the additional setback increases.
- Mr. Calabrese made a comment that they aren't necessarily pushing the new building back, they are more-so squaring off corners.
- Mr. Calabrese also commented on the garage which looks like it will be pushed back further off the road which will allow for safer parking.
- Ms. Mulligan commented on the addition to the height of the garage as it looks like this will be even with the peak of the house and asked if there was a height limit for buildings. Mr. Griswold mentioned he could not find a specific height limit in the Town of Livonia law.
- Guest, Mr. Hulburt, asked if this property has ever been granted a variance in the past. Mr. Griswold responded stating he is unsure of the history of the property.

A motion to recommend disapproval of Zoning Referral #2023-038 based on strong consideration of the proximity of the property to Conesus Lake, concerns over erosion and sediment control measures, as well as exceeding the impervious cover limits along the lakeshore risking degradation of the water quality and health of Conesus Lake, with staff advisory comments, and County Planning Board comments, was made by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Fahey.

The motion failed to carry due to lack of quorum. 9-2-1. With Mr. Calabrese and Ms. Gehrig opposing and Ms. Palmer abstaining.

Zoning Referral #2023-039, Town of Lima, Site Plan Review for a Storage Building/Workshop Addition at 1886 Dalton Road (Applicant: Tony Tondryk)

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

- Mr. Fahey asked if the term "workshop" was just another term for another building, as there is already a principal building on the property. Mr. Griswold responded that it is depicted that the new build would be connected to the current building.

- Mr. Pierce mentioned the parking spaces as it is not clear where the parking spaces will be located and concern for potential run off into the DEC streams. Mr. Griswold commented that concern for parking is there is no setbacks depicted. The Town of Lima requires a 15ft setback for parking.
- Mr. Fahey questioned if the 8 parking spots listed in the referral are an additional 8 parking spots, or the parking spots that are currently existing. Suggestion was made for the Town to request further information regarding the parking spaces.
- Mr. Kane made the recommendation to make it clear where the parking spots are going to be.
- Mr. Calabrese questioned if there is already a connection to a sewer system now, or if they will be tapping into an existing sewer/leach field? Mr. Griswold responded stating the current application does not specify if they are currently connected to a sewer system. Recommendation was made to minimize disturbance of the roadway and stream when connecting to the sewer.
- Ms. Mulligan asked if there were any environmental concerns with this being a paving business. Mr. Griswold responded that this property will mainly be for storing their equipment not materials.
- Mr. Radesi mentioned concern over the creek and where this water leads to in case of oil leakage and other materials. Should follow regulations for oil removal.

A motion of no significant County-Wide or Inter-Community impact for Zoning Referral #2023-039 with staff advisory comments and County Planning Board comments, was made by Mr. Radesi and seconded by Ms. Gehrig.

The motion failed to carry due to lack of quorum. 12-0-0.

Training: County Mapping Tools

Ms. Ferrero provided a 30 minute training on County Mapping Tools.

Local Announcements:

- Mr. Pierce congratulated the Planning Department Solar team on receiving the 2023 NACo Achievement Award, and commended the team on their presentation at the G/FLRPC Spring training seminar last month.
- Mr. Pierce shared a book titled “Living Under Glass” which talks about conservatories, greenhouses, and architectural issues that have impacted us through history.
- Mr. Radesi reminded the Board about Camp Hardhat for kids ages 12-15 years old. There are 7 camps participating. Cost is \$75 but there are grants to help cover the cost for families that may not be able to afford the cost.
- Mr. Wester mentioned the Town of Conesus has adopted their Solar Law and thanked the County Planning Board and Planning Department for their assistance in helping getting the law adopted.
- Mr. Fahey mentioned he attended the G/FLRPC Spring training and heard many communities comment on how impressed they were with the Livingston County Solar

Presentation. He also commented on the presentation about the 2024 Solar Eclipse and how large of an event and tourist attraction this will be for our area.

- Ms. Ferrero mentioned there will be a solar eclipse festival at the Caledonia fair grounds with vendors, music, and food and a viewing spot for the eclipse. The County is working diligently on planning and coordinating as this is intended to be a large tourist event.
- Mr. Pierce mentioned the invasive species walk at the Indian Fort Nature Reserve that was scheduled for earlier this week was cancelled due to the air quality advisory and is being rescheduled for late June. We will announce once the new date is scheduled.
- Ms. Gehrig and Mr. Fahey commented on some concerns that were brought up at the G/FLRPC conference such as solar and the impacts on health. This is not something we have touched on before and this is something we should look at in the future.

Other Business / Communication

- Next County Planning Board meeting will be Thursday July 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Ms. Palmer.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Clara Mulligan, Secretary

Recorded by Stephanie Johnson