

Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission
REGULAR MEETING of May 13, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
Minutes

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (probably not needed over the phone)

II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (Time: 2:00p)

Chairman: The Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will come to order.

Chairman: Will the secretary call the roll.

Vote: Mr. Cunningham: Present

Mr. Miller: Absent

Mr. Kennedy: Present

Mr. Spiegelberg: Present

Chairman Moore: Present

III. Excuse Absent Members:

Chairman: The Chair will entertain a motion to excuse absent member Commissioner Miller, of the Planning and Zoning Commission, from this meeting.

So moved by Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by Commissioner Cunningham

Motion Carried

IV. Approval of Agenda

Chairman: Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda for May 13, 2020?

Mr. Kennedy wants to add discussion about limiting commenting times per member of the public to five minutes to the agenda.

Chair will entertain a motion to accept the agenda for May 13, 2020, as presented.

So moved by Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion Carried

V. Approval of Minutes

Chairman: Are there any corrections to the minutes for the April 8, 2020 meeting?

Mr. Kennedy made a couple syntax changes and noted motions that should have been recorded as carried.

Chair will entertain a motion to accept the minutes for the April 8, 2020 meeting with corrections.

So moved by Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by Commissioner Spiegelberg

Motion Carried

VI. DISCLOSURES:

Chairman: The Chair calls for any disclosures to be known.

No disclosures.

Chairman: The discussion will be conducted in accordance with the State Statutes, the Rules of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and other applicable laws. I would ask the individuals who address the Commission to approach the lectern, identify yourself, and state your address.

Citizen comment

Sarah Gorin - wanted to clarify which changes were being made exactly to the aquifer regulations.

Mitch Edwards – wind energy regulations should be addressed preemptively even if an application is not submitted yet. County has lots of power to regulate wind energy. Current regulations are deficient. Notice requirements in regs now don't comply with state statute.

Several members of the public echoed Mr. Edwards' request to address wind energy regulations at the June meeting. They were: Vicki Sills, Brett Wadsworth, Sue Dow, Donna Lang, Jennifer Kirchhoefer, Arthur Durnan, Ron Wilson, Susan Davis, Stuart Webster, Alan Minier, Richard Dow, Linda Lebeda, Bill Cordis, Claudia Cordis, Claudia Hamm, Rob Deline, Anne Brande, and Tom Hamp.

Mr. Kennedy moved to include consideration of wind energy regulations on June agenda. Mr. Cunningham seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Edwards thanked commissioners for putting this on the agenda.

Mr. Kennedy moved to close the public hearing and Mr. Cunningham seconded. Motion carried

VII. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS

VIII. CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

A. Amendments to the Albany County Zoning Resolution, Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone Regulations

Mr. Gertsch explained that this was sent back to Planning and Zoning to review again after their previous comments.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he objects to considering any last-minute comments as a matter of principle. All comments need to be received in advance and that precedent was set long ago.

Mr. Spiegelberg agreed with Mr. Cunningham. We need time to review these things.

Kennedy asked Cunningham what exactly his comments referred to and Cunningham clarified.

Mr. Spiegelberg – we don't need to go over every little item in this packet. We've gone over and over and over it.

Mr. Gertsch went through his comments on each page of the proposed changes and explained the purpose of those changes to the commission.

Commissioners discussed their end goal with changing these regulations and parsed out details of what should and should not be changed. Commissioners want information in advance and want to be able to look at the details of any policy changes.

Gertsch explained the purpose of site specific investigations and engineered drawings as they pertain to aquifer protection.

The commission and Mr. Gertsch continued to work through regulation changes together.

Recommendation of APPROVAL of the amendments the Albany County Zoning Resolution, Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone to the Board of County Commissioners, including changes discussed today.

So moved by Commissioner Cunningham

Seconded by Commissioner Kennedy

Motion carried

B. Update on the Platting and Subdivision Regulations

Mr. Gertsch explained some of the proposed changes to road standards and storm drainage standards.

No action taken by the commission

IX. OTHER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Discuss Zoning of Property on PFE Road

Mr. Gertsch explained that this property has two different zoning classifications even though it's the same parcel. Wants to figure out how to proceed. Suggested having property owner go through normal zoning change application.

Mr. Moore suggested requiring the application but waiving fees. Mr. Cunningham agreed.

Mr. Spiegelberg expressed concerns with ownership of the property. Wanted to involve the county attorney to make sure this is resolved correctly.

Mr. Gertsch will contact property owner and update them on what the planning commission has discussed.

- B.** Next Meeting June 10, 2020 at 4 p.m. Meeting location (Zoom vs. in person) TBD.

XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topics

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman: There being no further business to conduct, the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

So moved by Commissioner Cunningham

Seconded by Commissioner Kennedy

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:44p.