

Montgomery County Planning Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2010

I. Call to Order

Chairman Fritz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Robert Mead	3 rd Ward
Crystal Ricciuti (Secretary)	4 th Ward
Andy Reed	5 th Ward
Phil Arnold	Town of Amsterdam
Robert McMahan	Town of Canajoharie
Jack Fritz (Chairman)	Town of Charleston
Scott McKay (Vice Chair)	Town of Florida
John Thomas	Town of Glen
Keith MacGregor	Town of Minden
Anthony Bruno	Town of Mohawk
Donald Mead Jr.	Town of Palatine
John Lyker	Town of Root
Sam Giarrizzo	Town of St. Johnsville
Douglas Greene	Senior Planner
Randy Siver	Planner

Absent:

Luis Aguero	1 st Ward (<i>excused</i>)
Robert DiCaprio	2 nd Ward (<i>excused</i>)
Ken Rose	Executive Director, MCIDA and Montgomery County Business Center (<i>excused</i>)
Karl Baia	Chair, Economic Development & Planning Committee (BOS) (<i>excused</i>)

Guests: None

- II. Adoption of Agenda**-Chairman Fritz asked if there were any changes to agenda. Scott McKay asked to be added to tonight's agenda under item number VIII, Other Business. Chairman Fritz then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Crystal Ricciuti made a motion to approve the agenda, second by John Thomas. All members present voted in favor.
- III. Approval of Minutes**-Chairman Fritz asked if there were any changes or corrections to the May 27, 2010 minutes. John Thomas said he did not make the motion to recommend approval of Kacz's Recycling Facility site plan, but it was Crystal Ricciuti. Doug said he would make the change. No other changes or corrections were suggested; John Lyker made a motion to approve the May 27, 2010 minutes, seconded by Anthony Bruno. All members present voted in favor.
- IV. Communications**-Doug Greene updated the Planning Board on upcoming training opportunities and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunities. Mr. Greene mentioned two letters from the New York State Department of Health regarding two separate residential development projects in the Town of Amsterdam. The letter states the Town of

Amsterdam Planning Board intends to assume Lead Agency for the purposes of fulfilling SEQRA requirements relative to the proposed projects: Golf Course Road Realty Subdivision, Golf Course Road and Maple Avenue Apartments, Maple Avenue. The NYSDOH stated their office has no objections to the Town of Amsterdam Planning Board acting as Lead Agency for both projects.

V. Public Comment-None

VI. Old Business-None

VII. New Business-

A. Town of Amsterdam—Benderson Development/Kohl’s—Site Plan Review

Randy Siver presented this referral by first stating it is a minor modification to the previously approved site plan. The modification will replace the two previously proposed retail spaces immediately south of Target with a 64,322 square foot Kohl’s department store. The modification will consist of a five percent increase in square footage of the previously approved site plan. Mr. Siver also noted there will be no significant impact to the existing stormwater management system, the project will not create any negative traffic impacts, and complies with the Town’s parking requirements.

Mr. Siver said the staff recommends approval of the proposed site plan. Crystal Ricciuti made a motion, seconded by Scott McKay, to approve the Benderson Development/Kohl’s site plan. All members present voted in favor.

VIII. Other Business-

A. Set date for annual meeting and discuss social event—Crystal Ricciuti informed the board members the social event would be Thursday, September 30 at 6 pm at the Charter House. Ms. Ricciuti stressed the fact that this is a social event, not a meeting. She encouraged everyone to bring his or her spouse or significant other.

Doug Greene informed the board of the need to have an annual meeting. The board agreed to have their annual meeting at the next scheduled Planning Board meeting on July 22, 2010. Election of officers will take place at the annual meeting.

B. Discussion of Draft Proposed Town of Canajoharie Windmill Law—John Thomas said the proposal is fairly robust and restrictive for residential use. Jack Fritz asked if the town does nothing are they liable for anything? Mr. Fritz agreed with Mr. Thomas that the proposal is very restrictive and questioned where their template for this proposal came from. Mr. Thomas made mention to opting out of tax exemption. Mr. Fritz questioned if the town planning board has the right to hire staff for inspecting windmills. Doug Greene said the staff would put together comments and send to the town.

C. Scott McKay—Scott McKay informed the members of the Planning Board of a letter he recently sent to Bill Strevy, Town of Florida Supervisor, regarding his wish not to be reappointed to the Montgomery County Planning Board and that tonight will be his last meeting as a member of the board. Mr. McKay went on to say what a pleasure it has been to serve his town and the county as a member of this board and along side past and present board members.

Anthony Bruno and John Lyker also mentioned tonight will be their last night as members of the Planning Board as well.

Everyone thanked the three board members who are stepping down for a job well done and wished them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

D. Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2010

IX. Adjournment-Scott McKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Anthony Bruno. All members present voted in favor. The meeting finished at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by and respectfully submitted

Randy Siver
Planner

Approved by:

Crystal Ricciuti, Secretary

Jack Fritz, Chair