TOWN OF SWEDEN Planning Board Minutes December 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Sweden Planning Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2020, at the Sweden Courtroom, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, commencing at 7 p.m.

Members present: Richard Dollard; David Hale; Matthew Minor; Wayne Rickman, Peter Sharpe; David Strabel.

Also, present: Rich Maier, Maier Land Surveying; Mike Prinzi, Adam Rizzo, Paul Lavoie, Nathan Rizzo, Solar Liberty; John Zima.

Absent: Craig McAllister, Chairman; Nat O. Lester, III, Planning Board Counsel; James Oberst, P.E., MRB, Town Engineer.

Acting Chairman Hale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked everyone present to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence was passed to members for review.

Moved by Mr. Dollard, seconded by Mr. Strabel, that the minutes of November 23, 2020, be approved as corrected.

Mr. Dollard – Aye Acting Chairman Hale - Aye Mr. Minor – Aye Mr. Rickman – Aye Mr. Sharpe - Aye Mr. Strabel – Aye Chairman McAllister – Absent

Remembering Ken Reid

Acting Chairman Hale acknowledged the passing of our colleague, Ken Reid, past Member/Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals; he expressed the Planning Board's sorrow to hear this sad news.

Zima Subdivision, Resub of the Holz Subdivision - Lots 13 and 14, 1360 Reed Road. 114.03-1-29, 114.03-1-30.

Mr. Rich Maier addressed the Board. He explained the applicant owns two properties located on the north side of Reed Road. The applicant is proposing to combine the two lots into one. Lot 14 has a house on it and Lot 13 has a garage on it.

Mr. Maier checked with the Board on a separate matter. Even though the lots are part of a filed subdivision, is a public hearing still required for the merging of two properties. The only reason he is asking is because the Town Assessor has the right to request a courtesy merge.

Acting Chairman Hale stated yes, a public hearing is required. Mr. Strabel acknowledged some towns do not require a public hearing for this type of application, but the Town of Sweden does. Mr. Maier understood.

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Moved by Mr. Minor, seconded by Mr. Sharpe, that the Zima Subdivision, Lots 13 and 14, be accepted for review.

Mr. Dollard – Aye Acting Chairman Hale - Aye Mr. Minor – Aye Mr. Rickman – Aye Mr. Sharpe - Aye Mr. Strabel – Aye Chairman McAllister - Absent

The Public Hearing will be January 11, 2021.

Kreher Solar Farm Subdivision, Site Plan and Special Use Permit. 4490 Sweden Walker Rd. 085.01-1-3.11.

Nathan Rizzo, Solar Liberty, a Buffalo-based solar installer, addressed the Board. He introduced Mike Prinzi. Mr. Rizzo explained they are working to develop a solar project on property owned by the Kreher family. The project is for a 5.6 MW solar system which will connect to the grid. The power generated will go back to the local community to be purchased.

The highest point of the system is 8 ft. from the ground. While a packet of information was submitted, the site plan shown is valuable because it highlights all the vegetation around the existing parcel and highlights the system itself.

Acting Chairman Hale asked where exactly the system is proposed on Sweden Walker Road. Mr. Strabel explained it is the old Sodoma Farm, behind the Byrne Dairy.

Moved by Mr. Rickman, seconded by Mr. Strabel, that the Kreher Solar Farm Subdivision, Site Plan and Special Use Permit, be accepted for review.

Mr. Dollard – Aye Acting Chairman Hale - Aye Mr. Minor – Aye Mr. Rickman – Aye Mr. Sharpe - Aye Mr. Strabel – Aye Chairman McAlister - Absent

The Public Hearing will be January 11 or 25, 2020. The Clerk will notify the applicant.

Stonebriar Glen Sidewalk/Utility Pole Update

The general agreement by the Board members present is to still install the sidewalk, adjusting the area around the new utility pole. Discussion to continue at the January 11, 2021, meeting.

2021 Planning Board Schedule

The Board approved the printing of the 2021 schedule in the Westside News.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Brudz – Planning Board Clerk