

Town of Smithville
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2018

Planning Board Chair, Shane Butler, called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board Members: Chair, Shane Butler, Robert Brooks, Adam Whitbeck, Pamela Holcomb, and Julie Hatfield

Planning Board Members Absent/Excused: Pamela Holcomb

Others in Attendance: Lori Eaton, Planning Board Clerk, residents Don and Andrea Cascun

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept by Chair Butler, seconded by Julie Hatfield.

New Business

Property owners on Collier Road are having a dispute over noise. A farmer is using an air cannon every 15 minutes starting at 7:00 a.m. to protect his cattle from coyotes. According to Agriculture and Markets Law Section 305-a, a farmer has the right to protect his livestock. An AgriMarkets mediator, Lois Hubbard, has been contacted, and she will meet with the two property owners in an effort to resolve this issue.

The plaintiff would like the town to reconsider a noise ordinance and, therefore, will be appearing at the next Town Board meeting.

Don & Andrea Cascun are purchasing approximately four acres on County Road 2 to establish a poultry and red-meat processing facility.

Proposed renovations include:

- Extending the height of one of the existing buildings 18-20 feet to accommodate hoist
- Adding coolers
- Building an animal holding area
- Installing a grease trap that connects to existing septic system
- Obtaining mobile storage units to be used as a packaging facility and for office space

Necessary requirements include:

- Submitting a Site Plan Review Form - including drawings of proposed plan
- Submitting a County 239 Review Form - will be reviewed the 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Ensuring that the animal holding area passes inspection and is Animal Welfare Certified
- Contacting County Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Fox, to determine whether storage containers need to be on a slab
- Contacting Bruce Kinney, Town Code Officer, regarding septic system requirements
- Contacting the Greene Planning Board Chair, Chris Lyons, regarding the part of property that is in the town of Greene
- Awaiting a Public Hearing to be held June 6th

Bob Brooks recommends contacting Don Harrington regarding the septic tank and Paul Koerts regarding the survey.

Old Business

-Mr. Hammond has not yet submitted a Site Plan application. There appears to be some concern regarding the fee.

-Chair Butler continues to work with Town Clerk Owens on benchmarking for the Clean Energy Communities Program. It should be completed sometime in May.

-There has been no official feedback regarding the effect of the solar-powered, radar Speed signs, yet it is apparent that drivers are slowing down.

-There have been no new applications for a road use agreement.

Adjournment: 7:37

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Eaton
Planning Board Clerk

Next Planning Board Meeting is June 6, 2018 at 7:00