

PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULATURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING Monday, July 17th, 2023 WebEx Meeting

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Skip Bartlett, Chair; Rocky Hazelman, Commissioner; Michael Eelman, Commissioner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Amy Rowe (sitting for Cecilia Diaz), Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Andras Holzmann, Planning Director; Salvatore Presti, Assistant Planner

OTHERS PRESENT – None.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 17th, 2023 was made by Commissioner Hazelman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting to the public questions and comments, and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to be heard. No members of the public were present. Seeing no members of the public present, Chair Bartlett closed the meeting to public questions and comments.

NEW BUSINESS

County Counsel Pogorelec presented to the board a Site Specific Agriculture Management Practice (SSAMP) application in the matter of J. Klipphouse, the applicant. The applicant wishes to construct a structure to store sports equipment on site. Mr. Klipphouse filed site plan approval in 2022 to the Borough of Bloomingdale, and contends that after Bloomingdale received his application, ordinance was changed to prevent the proposed development. County Counsel Pogorelec continued that in order for this board to review the SSAMP, the applicant needed to demonstrate that their case qualified for board review. County Counsel Pogorelec stated that the applicant had provided the appropriate agriculture product sale invoices, but that agriculture is not a zoned use for the property. As such, the next steps would be host a jurisdictional hearing at the next Agriculture Development Board meeting.

Commissioner Hazelman asked County Counsel Pogorelec about the site's agriculture status, to which County Counsel Pogorelec clarified. The board discussed the site's operations and proposed construction.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hazelman asked if there was any progress on an Oldham Road property that the board had been involved with. Chair Bartlett stated that there had not been any updates for the property.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The board discussed hosting meetings in person or via WebEx, and agreed that the September meeting should be held virtually.

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Commissioner Hazelman asked about a potential SSAMP issue coming to the board. County Counsel Pogorelec stated that there was no formal SSMAP submission.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hazelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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