

Town of Romulus Planning Board
June 6, 2016 Minutes

Roll Call

Tom Bouchard
Bill Karlsen
Sue Ellen Balluff
Mary Joslyn
Cindy Meckley
Al Nivison
Kate Sinicropi

Visitors:

John W. DeVoll, Erica B. Devoll, Denise Lovette, Joseph Hertzler, Carol A. Acker, Barry Roach, Mark Sinkiewicz, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Daniel Kaiser, Chester N. Burkholder, Ed Hartmer, Ben Miler, Shannon McCoy, Leon Burkholder, Rachel Burkholder, Bryan Burkholder, Darren Burkholder, Rosalyn Burkholder, Rob Devens, Deb Mclaughlin, Bill Sebring, Mikla Herchor, Nichole Henolos, Ardan Ulmer, Glenda & Gene Reinshagen, Lazlo Muzares, Roger H. Doyle, Cindy Ferris, Steven Byler, Michelle Herndon

Approval of May 2016 Minutes

Sue Ellen made motion to approve as is.
Al seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Al motioned to open public hearing regarding Joseph Hertzler's Hollow Creek Grocery Store to go up on Rt. 414
Sue Ellen Seconded.

Chester Burkholder is the only person of the public to speak. He is in favor of the grocery store. Tom reads the county's conditional approval. Lazlo asks if there will be a gas station added in the future. Mr. Hertzler says no. Joseph says he contacted the neighbors (as required) and received no response. Tom shares a letter received from Anne Morgan of Bromka Rd. who expressed a concern about the possible noise from the generator. Tom advises Joseph to build some kind of a sound barrier or muffler to reduce possible noise from the generator. The dept. of transportation is in favor of a single entrance on Rte. 414. Public Hearing closed 7:16pm

Tom makes a motion to approve Mr. Hertzler's special use permit conditional on the DOT permits. Mary Seconded, all approve. Motion passed.

Tom addresses the visitors about the status of the special use permit of Victor Weeks regarding using agricultural land for an event and concert venue. Although the town has NOT granted the permit, the county issued an event permit and a health permit. Bill shares the newspaper article on the Trishstock Event that has occurred already. Leon Burkholder speaks about the concert and the foul language and hard rock noise as well as the smell of marijuana burning. Michele speaks about the property and claims Mr.

Weeks has no deed. She is opposed to the concert events and wants them stopped. Brian McCoy called 911. He does not want Weeks to obtain a permit EVER. Kathy and Mark Sinkiewicz complained of blaring music Rob Devens on Baptist Church Rd. claimed this is the third year they've done these concerts and they continue all night long. Rob agrees with McCoy that they disregarded the neighbors entirely and never asked for their okay. He wants the permit suspended/denied. Shannon McCoy says the entrance and exit is in a very dangerous location for traffic. Donald concurs that the driveway issue is dangerous. He is also surprised that the county approved permits without contacting the town and wonders if the zoning allows for this sort of thing. A discussion ensues about how to stop these events since they have no special use permit granted. Darren Burkholder opposed the concerts. He can hear the music in his house. Brian Burkholder is opposed to any permits given for these events. Glenda Reinshagen does not see how a permit could have been given for this event. Also representing these concerts as a fundraiser can be fraudulent and illegal.

Various citizens wanted a contact name of who issued these permits on the county level. Peter Brown in the planning department issued the permits.

Cindy makes a motion that a code officer goes to Weeks and issues a citation of a zoning violation: Hosting the event without a special use permit. Sue Ellen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Al moved that we send a letter to Peter Brown requesting a copy of the permits he issued and also informing him that we had not approved a special use permit for that location. Kate seconded. Motion carried.

Sue Ellen makes motion that we send a letter to Seneca County Planning board that we are not in favor of granting a special use permit to Mr. Weeks based on the violation of zoning and the thirty angry citizens who appeared at the planning board meeting who were distressed by the noise of all night concerts. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Livestock survey & comments tallied:

Majority say allow

Most say personal use only

Most say minimum lot size should be stated

Majority say maximum numbers should be defined. Sue Ellen volunteered to draft zoning regulations based on the results of the livestock survey.

Al moved to adjourn. Cindy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next meeting July 11th, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Joslyn