

Town of Romulus Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
July 1st, 2019

Call to order:

Roll Call:

Sue Ellen Balluff, Chairman

Tom Bouchard

Kate Sinicropi

Cindy Meckley

Al Nivison

Bill Karlsen

Mary Joslyn

Guests: See attachment

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Approval of June 3rdth Minutes: Tom moved to accept minutes; Bill seconded. Motion carried

New Business:

Austic Subdivision Application Public Hearing

County advised Town of Romulus to approve application

Guest Ann Marie Heizmann, president of Seneca County Farm Bureau supports project.

Westwind poultry farms to purchase 7 acres on route 96. Less than 2 acres will be used for buildings. The rest will be rented back to Austic for farming.

Pat inquired as to the history of Westwind. The operation has been in business since 1996. The current location in Interlaken hatches 5 million chicks a year, the new location will hatch 8 million chicks a year. Incubation will take place in Interlaken, then moved to the hatchery in Romulus location. 3 days a week the chicks are hatched and kept in a temperature-controlled room. The longest the hatchlings will be on site will be until the following morning. Everything is returned to "hospital sterile". Hatchery has operated in Interlaken since 2006 with no complaints. Recently there was odor, so the hatchery was moved to Ovid facility, with no issue. For transport, currently there are three vans/boxed truck; three trucks per/day.

Bill Karlsen is a close neighbor and says he doesn't notice any noise or odor.

Working with JC Rendering but they are the last renderers to take our product.

Eight employees plus two owners. Depending on automation, there may be up to two more employees. Motion to close public hearing made by Al, Tom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New business: Increasing town fees from \$25 to \$50 for Special Use Application and Subdivision application.

Motion to approve made by Mary, Kate Seconded, motion carried.

SEQR 11 questions: 1:No, 2:No, 3:No, 4:No, 5:No, 6:No, 7:No, 8:No, 9:No, 10:No, 11:No
Negative declaration

Motion by Al to declare a negative declaration for the SEQR, Kate seconded, motion carried unanimously. A discussion ensued about the need for a zoning permit, a special use permit, building permits, etc. Pat agreed to look into the zoning.

Dave Cook and Kimberly Nason update on Earl Martin Project: technical comments from Fisher Associates: close to having supplement ready, air registration may be required by DEC, responses to comments are being compiled and consolidated with the supplement prior to public meeting. Working on responses. We believe we've addressed PB questions. Air report is finished, traffic report also. July meeting organized by the IDA. Informational meeting for general public Q&A as part of the SEQR process, 6pm at fire hall in Romulus. Submit questions via email.

Pat asks if there will be minutes or recording, because this will be part of the SEQR It's the IDA's responsibility. Dave responded that that record will be kept. Tom mentions the project is being characterized as the galvanizing plant. Which leads to questions about air and water impact. The air and traffic expert will be attending. Tom reiterates that the public perception is galvanizing plant.

Sue Ellen agrees we meet August 5th for next planning board meeting and not skip that month.

Comprehensive plan update: June 18th Economic development and tourism. We used the SWAT model again, received more surveys, and had a productive meeting with great input. Next meeting focuses on Housing and Community Development.

Zoning Map for Depot: Mike Karlsen contacted Sue Ellen and he's working on their maps for the boundaries for Earl's and Stolfus' properties on former Depot.

Informal meet and greet here tomorrow night on Romulus Historical Society. 7pm Refreshments will be served.

Al moved to adjourn Tom seconded, motion to adjourn at 8:03 passed unanimously.

Next meeting: August 5, 2019