

PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF BERNE
PO Box 57
Berne, NY 12023

Date: September 1, 2016

Present: Rick Rapp (Chair), Mike Vincent, Debra Bajouwa, Wayne Emory (Town Board Liaison), Dawn Jordan (Town Board member), Tim Lippert (Building and Zoning Administrator)

Guests: Joe Hammond, Bob Mohr, Chuck Fuller

Mr. Rapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Bajouwa moved to accept the amended minutes. Mr. Vincent seconded and the motion passed, 3-0.

Old Business:

Minor Subdivision Application: Walter and Marta Chomanczuk, 624 Sickle Hill Rd.: The applicant would like to subdivide 29.75 acres into two lots of 5.62 acres (including existing house, barn and septic) and 24.13 acres. A public hearing is scheduled 10/6/2016. Mr. Rapp noted that the application goes before the Albany Co. Planning Board on 9/15/2016.

Minor Subdivision pre-application: Robert Mohr, 162 Sickle Hill Rd.: The applicant wishes to subdivide the current parcel of 113+/- acres into two lots, lot #1 consisting of 60.86+/- acres and lot #2 consisting of 52+/- acres. Mr. Hammond stated a note on the plat refers to lot #1 as "unbuildable." Mr. Rapp reviewed application materials. The application will be sent to Albany Co. Planning Board for its September 15th meeting. Ms. Bajouwa moved to schedule a public hearing for October 6, 2016. Mr. Vincent seconded, and the motion passed, 3-0.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

Training: Mr. Rapp said Mr. Vincent will be attending the Duanesburg training on October 8th.

Solar: Mr. Rapp said he spoke with the planning board chair from Knox, Bob Price, and that they discussed briefly Knox's solar policy. He said that according to Mr. Price, community energy farms will phase out resident-owned ground and roof mounted solar panels. A workshop on solar policy is scheduled for October 20, 2016.

Business cards: Mr. Rapp will contact the Town Clerk about purchasing a batch of general Planning Board member cards where members would write their name and contact information on the back.

Mr. Fuller spoke to the Board about plans for the White Sulfur Springs/Evangel Church property on Helderberg Trail.

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Bajouwa moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vincent, and the motion carried, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown
Planning Board Secretary