

July 20, 2020 – Unapproved Minutes
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Town of Cambria
Planning Board Meeting
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The regular monthly meeting of the Planning Board of the Town of Cambria was called to order by William Amacher, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M. He welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Members Present: William Amacher
Garret Meal
Douglas Mawhiney
Gerald Kroening
Michael Sieczkowski

Member Absent: Roger Schreader, Sr.

Also present: James McCann, Building Inspector
Gary Billingsley, Attorney

Chairman called the meeting to order. Attorney to take minutes in the absence of a secretary. Attorney stated that the meeting was being recorded, requested that members identify themselves when speaking, and confirmed that all motions should be determined by a roll call vote.

Chairman advised Board that Melinda Olick has obtained new employment, and will no longer be taking the minutes for the Board. The Town is looking for someone to fill her position.

Chairman advised that he and the Building Inspector had met with Chad and Louise Brachmann of Sunflowers of Sanborn, and discussed their plans to modify some of the terms of their Special Events Permit which this Board had previously granted. The Special Events Permit contained language authorizing revisions necessitated by Covid 19 concerns as approved by the Planning Board and/or the Building Inspector. The revisions proposed and agreed to by the Chairman and the Building Inspector included spreading out the Crafters in the Field event over several weekends, as well as spreading out the Food Truck event over several weekends by having a couple of food trucks each weekend rather than having them all be at the site on a single weekend. The rows of sunflowers have been planted wider than last year to permit greater social distancing, and an additional twenty acres of sunflowers were planted. Masks will be required. The Brachmanns have also contacted Niagara County and New York State in order to comply with any additional requirements they may have.

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Reports

Chairman – Reported that there were quite a few matters on the agenda for the August meeting of the board, including several Special Permits that this Board needs to make recommendations on for the Zoning Board. Also, there is an application for PDD rezoning for the Heppner property on Cambria Road that has been received by the Town Board, and that application is being referred to this Board for its review and recommendation.

Attorney – Nothing at this time.

Building Inspector – Confirmed and discussed an inconsistency in the Zoning Ordinance regarding minimum number of acres for a farm. In some provisions it is 5 acres. In others it is 7 acres. Building Inspector believes the Ordinance should be consistent. Chairman discussed possibility of putting it on a future agenda for further discussion.

Board Members – Mr. Sieczkowski asked if ordinance was amended to 7 acres, could farms containing more than 5 acres but less than 7 acres be grandfathered. A general discussion concerning procedure on PDD rezoning applications followed.

The next meeting of this Board will take place Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM was made by Mr. Meal and seconded by Mr. Kroening, the motion was put to a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mr. Amacher voting Aye
Mr. Sieczkowski voting Aye
Mr. Mawhiney voting Aye
Mr. Kroening voting Aye
Mr. Meal voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Gary Billingsley

