

Springport Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes
October 4, 2023

Call to Order: Henry Wilde called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited,

Members Present: Henry Wilde, Bruce Boardman, Donna O'Hara, Amy Alcock, Mike Sacco, Karen Luziani and Cathy Dreverman

Members Absent: None

Secretary: Karen Luziani

Visitors: There were no visitors

The minutes taken by Howard Tanner from the Town of Springport Planning Board Meeting on September 20, 2023 were read by Henry Wilde as only one (1) copy was available. Motion made by Mike Sacco to approve the minutes; seconded by Donna O'Hara. All were in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Spring Street III Solar Project.

- The Board proposed bigger trees, indigenous to this area, preferably Juniper, 6' to 8' tall.
- The Board proposed there be three (3) rows of trees, i.e. Junipers and that an arborist be consulted regarding a proper planting grid.
- The Board proposed a yearly inspection of trees with the replacement of any dead trees. A letter from Codes Enforcement will be send via certified mail. Replacement shall be made during the months of May and/or September.
- The Board agreed with Green Town Consulting, as stated in a letter to Ascent Renewables dated September 7, 2023 and proposed that the "trees be purchased from an organic nursery and to avoid anything treated with a neonicotinoid as these are systemic and long-lasting pesticides that can kill pollinators for years into the future."
- Mowing vs flowers — are not to exceed 18". There will be a Code Enforcement or a referral from a Planning Board member if the area is not kept mowed. The site shall be mowed a minimum of two (2) to three (3) times per season and not to exceed 18" in length at any time.
- The following is a recommendation from Dave Schenck regarding site ground cover per acre:
 - 8# Empire Trefoil — inoculated
 - 6# Redtop
 - #4 Crown Vetch-innoculated
 - 12# Creeping Red FescueThese plants would be a good ground cover with minimal care required. The site should be fertilized a minimum of 20-40-80 per acre at seeding.
- The Board shared concern about storm water run-off. Can a hydrology expert be consulted in regards to a buffer and/or holding pond?
- The proposed set back on property 142' seemed acceptable to the Board.
- The Board proposed an eight (8) foot chain link fence fully enclose the entire site with an access gate(s) closed at all times.
- The Board proposed that they are to be made aware of who will be the caretaker of the property regarding mowing, etc.
- The Board proposed that a recycling program be incorporated and items must be recycled according to the law.
- The Town Board approved the Decommissioning Bond before the Site Permit was issued.

There will be a Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 7PM.

Bruce Boardman made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM; seconded by Amy Alcock.

Karen T. Luziani
Acting Planning Board Secretary