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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 – 7:00 PM

I.

Chairman Teel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Chairman Teel, Commissioner DeFranco, Commissioner Klein, Engineer Coyle, and Solicitor Karasek. Absent were Commissioner Crane and Commission Sarisky.

Public Comment:

None

II.

Approve the Minutes-**MOTION** by Commissioner DeFranco to approve the July 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commission Klein. Vote: 3-0.

III.

PLANNING MODULES-None

IV.

SUBDIVISIONS

- a. Steven B. Ott 905-907 Sunset Dr. Minor Subdivision-Engineer Coyle discussed the plan. Engineer Coyle stated the intent is to subdivide the existing lands to create a 1.87-acre lot which will encapsulate an existing dwelling, barn, and garage. This will result in a 111.43-acre parcel of which 107.42 acres are to remain in an Agricultural Conservation Easement and no development or public improvements are proposed. The proposed lot is located in the A-1 zoning district, where the minimum lot size is to be 2.0 acres, Solicitor Karasek stated that this will be a zoning issue, that he may need to go before the ZHB and claim hardship. Commission DeFranco stated

a letter from Maria Benzoni stating that this plan is approved by the County Farmland Preservation, should be a condition on approving this plan.

MOTION by Commission Klein for the County to approve of the subdivision as a condition, seconded by Commission DeFranco. Vote: 3-0. Engineer Coyle stated there are no SALDO waivers in letter format requested. Solicitor Karasek discussed the conditional list: letter from Farmland Preservation, written SALDO waiver (400.4.5) request, Open Space Dedication or Fee in Lieu (1-lot \$2,000). **MOTION** by Commission Klein to grant the scale waiver of 1"-200 ft., seconded by Chairman Teel. Vote: 3-0. **MOTION** by Commission DeFranco to table, seconded by Commission Klein. Vote: 3-0.

-Official Action expires on October 19, 2021

V.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. 303 Demi Rd. Planned Industrial Park-no new plans submitted.

-Revised plan submitted June 30, 2021

-Official Action expires on September 28, 2021 (will need to request an extension)

MOTION by Commission DeFranco to table, seconded Chairman Teel. Vote: 3-0.

VI.

SITE/SKETCH PLANS-None

VII.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner DeFranco to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Chairman Teel. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary