Public Hearing for Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for Philip and Dawn Keppler Agricultural Processing and Distribution Facility at 4500 South Gravel Road, Shelby Center

May 4, 2021

Planning Board members
Kirk Myhill, Chairperson
Brad Pask
Larry Hill
Teresa Wilkins
Jerry Velesko
Roger Wilkins
Dan Wolfe - Other

Approximately 25 Attendees including Board Members were in attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Kirk Myhill. Kirk Myhill read public notice for public hearing. Kirk opened the meeting to the public for comment. Philip Keppler addressed the attendees with an overview of his planned operation. Just beef animals, tentatively just 5 animals per week processed, no overnight penning of animals, USD Inspector on premise during processing, retail meat store at the new building. This facility is to help alleviate difficulty in getting his animals processed in a more timely manner with so few processing facilities available due to demand.

Philip entertained questions with Amy Watts asking to see drawings of the facility layout. She has concerns about traffic, mainly speeding. Phil explained there will only be 6 employees, 1 day a week of processing of animals, minimal retail traffic, occasional tractor trailer deliveries, and the driveway will be approved by NYS DOT. Mrs. Skinner questioned Orleans County Hub article misprint/mistaken side set back variance of 7', actually 93 feet set back approved. Andrew Skinner questioned the selection of the proposed facility location rather than on his main farm. Patricia Rich questioned about Mrs. Skinner's property being devalued due to facility location. JoAnna Rich concerned with location as well, would like to see trees planted to screen their property. Amy Watts was disappointed with the view out her back yard. She would like to see cooperation between Phil and his facility neighbors. Also asked about setback from the highway.

No further questions or comments.

Roger Wilkins moved to close the Public hearing, seconded by Larry Hill, motion passed.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Pask Secretary