

Town of Bergen Planning Board
Minutes of Thursday March 28th, 2013
Bergen Town Hall

Present: Gary Fink, Norm Pawlak, Mark Gerhardy, Kathi McLaughlin, Dominick Camelio, Randall Holbrook and John Skomski, Alt.

Also Present: Dave Mason, Ralph Garnish, Tim Hens, Linda Lewis, Paul Lewis, and Brandon Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fink. A motion to approve the February 2013 minutes with corrections was made by John Skomski, seconded by Dominick Camelio, voted and carried.

Firing Pin LLC. Preliminary Site Plan Review. Tim Hens, presented the board with his engineered drawing of the site plan for Firing Pin. Mr. Hens is the engineer involved in the proposed shooting range for Apple Tree Acres. The drawing showed the facility flipped which was a major change from the original thought. It still contained the 110 x 26 foot shooting range as well as approximately 2,000 square feet of retail space. There were also fifteen parking spaces with a delivery section and parking for employees shown. The building meets all zoning regulations and setbacks. If there is a need for an addition in the future, there is room to do so. A 3D model was brought in of the building showing the materials that would be used for the facility. The roof was composed of green metal, the shooting range was concrete block and the retail section was bat and board. Board members were not fond of the overall look of the building especially since it is located right off of 490 and is the first building that people will see. It was suggested that dressing up the concrete block portion of the building with paint and foliage would help the overall appearance of the building. There was also discussion on grading and drainage on the property and the addition of a bioretention pond to handle stormwater runoff. Mark Gerhardy requested that at the next meeting, the Lewis' bring the NRA specifications for building a firing range for board members to review. Since the plan is to construct this facility on approximately two acres of land, the Lewis' have to go through the subdivision process before any site plan/building review to take place. Norm Pawlak made a motion for Chairman Fink to call the Lewis' and state what board members discussed about the appearance of the building and what they could do to enhance it.

Old/New Business

- The Department of Transportation responded to 7-Elevens site plan proposal. The recommendations consisted of removal of the westerly driveway on Route 33 as well as updating each driveway to current standards. Due to the cost involved with this, Steve Bowen told Dave Mason they would more likely abandon the project entirely if they had

to meet those requirements. There was much discussion among board members if the Planning Board could legally override D.O.T recommendations and approve the site plan without any of the changes suggested by the D.O.T. Chairman Fink told board members that he would talk to the Town lawyer and engineer as a follow-up to the discussion.

- Dave Mason reported an interest on Dublin Road to put a double wide in the backyard as a second dwelling. Regulations state that there is only one primary residence allowed per parcel and since it will not be attached to the current residence it would have to go through zoning and meet all required setbacks.

No further discussion took place.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Dominick Camelio, voted and carried. The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

Cc: Michelle Smith, Town Clerk
Don Cunningham, Supervisor
Bill Waldruff, ZBA Chairman