

Hearing Minutes
Spring Green Plan Commission and
Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
7:00 pm

1. Marcus called the Hearing to order at 7:06 p.m. as a Hearing of the Spring Green Plan Commission, and Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee.
Members present: Joel Marcus, Greg Prem (JEZC), Michael Broh, Ed Lilla (JEZC), Eugene Hausner, and David Saperstein. Brad Hutnik (JEZC) was absent.
Town JEZC members present: Fred Iausly, Jason Falteisek, and Irv Snyder.
Others present: Wendy Crary, Dawn Kabot, John Kabot, Ted Greenheck, Jeff Freel, Ron Bauer, Colleen Whaley, Dan Ruetten, Todd Deibert, Jeff Wright, Mason Wright, Elliot Wright, Emily Sawle, Connie Hicks, Chloe Babula, Nile Nguyen, Sara Andrews, Megan Alexander, Andrea Leonardelli, Barb Ramsden, Sara Schellie, Phil Premo, Jamie Hagenow, Rebekah Klemm, Liz Pulvermacher, Deb Schoenmeann, Susan Gundlach, Nate Robson, Holly Pfaff, Bethany Mehta, Kathy Nelson, Josephine Mehta, Lawrence Cureaz, Audra Keith, Shawn Kuhse, Logan Pyfferoen, Michaela Layton, Jamie Brennum, Aaron Yarmel, Michael Stier, Amanda Rindal, Jeff Stanek, Don Greenwood, Rick Meixelsperger, Dylan Laue, Megan Michlson, Jill Kane, Clint Kane, Mike Curran, Rebecca Karalensay, Samantha Robbins, Magge Premo, Peggy Ellefson, Pattie Peltier, Dan Ellefson, Julie Kuhse, Yvonne Notbohm, and Maureen O'Neill.
2. Crary appointed minute taker.
3. Motion by Hausner, second by Prem, to approve agenda. Motion passed with all in favor.
4. Discussion on the consideration of a request by Clinton Kane & Jill Janssen Kane for a conditional use permit for a "Commercial Kennel & Dog Boarding" on parcel #032-0658-1, S12904 Pearl Road, Town of Spring Green. Marcus explained to all in attendance the Hearing Process and said, "If speaking, please state your name prior to making comment". Mike Curran introduced himself and stated, "I was hired by the Kane's to assist with the process to establish a whelping facility". Curran explained further that the Kane's residence would only be for mothers and their puppies, the puppies would then be relocated when they are old enough. Curran said, "Society has deemed this beneficial and Kane's have went through a very stringent process with the USDA".
Megan Michlson asked, "Can you clarify what the purpose is at this site?" Curran replied, "This site is simply to raise pups until they are old enough to be relocated outside of this area".
Barb Ramsden asked, "How many times per year will the mother's be bred?" Clint Kane answered, "Female dogs come into heat every 6 months". Ramsden followed with another question, "Will they be artificial inseminated or heat induced?" Kane replied, "No, not artificially inseminated and in heat naturally". Ramsden asked, "How old are they when they are bred and for how long?" Kane responded, "It will be a natural process".
Dawn Kabot stated, "We own the property adjacent to this, number 1; no animal on earth should be used for human benefit, number 2; no kennel is quiet or odor free. You are only guessing on the number of puppies, what is it going to be 6 months, 1 year, or 2 years from now? No one will follow up then, a vet should be promoting spay & neutering not breeding."
Ron Bauer said, "I visited a site in the area previously and I live on Sherwood and when I walk I hear barking dogs, what is six dogs going to sound like?"
Logan Pyfferoen stated, "I own five acres next to the Kane's, I want to build and bought property outside of village limits for the peace and quiet, how is this going to affect the value of my property?"
Colleen Whaley commented, "I live on Ivy Lane currently and I can hear dogs from across highway 14, I can't imagine how loud this will be".
John Kabot said, "We live in Iowa County and bought the property adjacent to Kane's with prospects of living there".
Kathy Nelson stated, "This is not humane, animals are sold to research facilities, this is not okay and this will be your town's legacy".
Nate Robson said, "There are already ten homes within 1,000 feet and the two adjacent lots are not built on yet." "I'm 1,800 feet away and can hear dogs, I would suggest if granted it be revisited in six months."
Robson read his letter submitted for the record at this time.
Sara Andrews referenced research and the investigation of another facility.
Barb Ramsden inquired about the definition of "Commercial Kennel & Dog Boarding".

Prem explained that the zoning ordinance does not have a definition for “Commercial Kennel & Dog Boarding”. Prem said, “At the time when it was added there didn’t seem to be a need to define it”.

Ron Bauer asked, “What happens if a year from now they want to build and expand?”

Susan Gundlach expressed concerns about heat and air conditioning in the garage where the animals would be kept. Gundlach said, “I work at a kennel, they are social and they bark”.

Clint Kane replied, “The garage is insulated with heat and air conditioning and it’s regulated with a thermostat”.

Michael Broh stated, “Thank you Nate Robson for your detailed letter, I notice you state you sit on the Town Plan Commission, do you represent yourself or the Town tonight?”

Robson replied, “I represent myself tonight”.

Jeff Freel asked, “What is the recourse if you approve and we have complaints?”

Phil Premo said, “I’m opposed to the operation already allowed outside of your jurisdiction”.

Dan Ruetten stated, “I’m the developer of Westwood Subdivision and I own two multi units, the biggest complaint I hear already is about dogs barking, I’m also very concerned about the noise when they are transported”.

Megan Alexander said, “I am appalled by this, we did not know about this and how do I explain this to my children?”

Liz Pulvermacher stated, “I own a beagle and can hear him $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away, it is definitely going to be loud”.

Nate Robson asked, “Do you have any whelping mothers in your garage now?”

Clint Kane replied, “Yes, we currently have two litters”.

Nate Robson commented, “Which is allowed under ordinance”.

Aaron Yarmel stated, “There is a myth we tell about ethics to other members of society that happen to not be human”.

5. Discussion on the consideration of amendments to Section 7.0 Signs to add “Marquee Sign” and a definition of “Marquee Sign” to the Spring Green Zoning Ordinance. Proposed amendment can be viewed in their entirety at the Village Office.

Rick Meixelsperger said, “I own the building across the street and I have concerns about materials and lights”. Broh explained what he intends to install should the ordinance amendment be approved.

Notbohm asked, “Would the lights go off at a certain time?” Broh explained that the lights would only be on during business hours. Meixelsperger asked questions about the business and then informed those present that there are weeds in other areas that need to be addressed. Marcus explained that weeds are not zoning violations and he should submit information about such to the Village Board.

6. General Public Comment: There was no additional general public comment at this time.
7. Adjourn. Motion by Snyder, second by Iausly, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.