

Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission
REGULAR MEETING of April 8, 2020
2 p.m.
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
Minutes

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham to accept the agenda for April 8, 2020, as presented.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Spiegelberg to accept the minutes for the March 11, 2020 meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Applications

A. Brown Conditional Use Application CU-01-20

Chris Van Aken, Assistant Planner, gave the staff report.

Commissioner Spiegelberg asked about any limitations on the number of horses that could be housed in the facility. David Gertsch answered that the number of horses is not limited unless a limitation is placed on the permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Miller to recommend APPROVAL of the Brown Conditional Use Application CU-01-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report.

Motion carried.

B. Wylie Conditional Use Application CU-02-20

Chris Van Aken, Assistant Planner, gave the staff report.

Mr. Billy Wylie, applicant, checked with his neighbors and they are okay with his proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to recommend APPROVAL of the Wylie Conditional Use Application CU-01-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report.

Motion carried.

C. Forks Lumber Company Zoning Change Application LUC-01-20

Chris Van Aken, Assistant Planner, gave the staff report.

Commissioner Spiegelberg discussed his concerns with beetle infestation. Bryan Mowan, applicant, provided information on beetle infestation. He noted they have had no problems with beetles at their previous site.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Miller to Recommend APPROVAL of the Forks Lumber Company Zoning Change Application LUC-01-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report.

Motion carried.

D. Forks Lumber Company Conditional Use Application CU-03-20

Chris Van Aken, Assistant Planner, gave the staff report.

Tom Hamp expressed support for the application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Spiegelberg and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to recommend APPROVAL of the Forks Lumber Company Conditional Use Application CU-03-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report.

Motion carried.

E. CT Industrial Park Subdivision Application (Preliminary and Final Plats) SD-02-20

Chris Van Aken, Assistant Planner, gave the staff report.

The deficiencies for the project were reviewed. Trent Brome discussed that they have the information that is needed, except the financial assurance which they should get taken care of before the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

David Gertsch, Planning Director, went through the letter provided by the City of Laramie with his comments included.

Derek Teini, Planning Manager for the City of Laramie, explained that the statutes require that county and city plans should be followed. The city's comments concerning coaxial cable are based on their economic development plan. The comments about future easements for city utilities come in part due to the lack of knowing where future utilities will be located.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham and seconded by Commissioner Miller to recommend APPROVAL of the CT Industrial Park Subdivision Application SD-01-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report with the addition of the following findings: road plans and profile shall be provided and approve, provide financial assurance for the improvements to the road, and that road maintenance will be required from each of the lot owners which will be included as a covenant on the deeds at the time of purchase.

Motion carried.

F. Vista Grande Estates, Second Filing – A Replat of Lot 4 Block 2, Vista Grande Estates Subdivision Application (Final Plat) SD-02-20

David Gertsch, Planning Director, provided the staff report.

Carl Miller asked when their covenants expire. Don Prehoda noted that the covenants are perpetual.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham and seconded by Commissioner Spiegelberg to recommend APPROVAL of the Vista Grande Estates, Second Filing – A Replat of Lot 4 Block 2, Vista Grande Estates Subdivision Application SD-02-20 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporating the findings of fact and conclusions of law as listed in the staff report.

Motion carried.

CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

David Gertsch, Planning Director, noted that the state amended the statutes on wind energy regulations to include solar projects.

Peggy Trent, County Attorney, noted that the Board of County Commissioners received comments on the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone and decided to send the proposed amendments back to you for consideration of the comments recently received.

OTHER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made by Chairman Moore and seconded by Commissioner Miller to set the time for the June, July, August, and September meetings for 4 p.m.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Wiles wanted to note that current county wind energy regulations do not protect the health and safety of residents.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Spiegelberg to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Motion carried.