TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2019, 2019 I 7:30pm PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBRAGGIA

MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 I WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Dan Heidel I COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Paul Lash. Michael White, Mike Raabe

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Dan Heidel at 7:30pm
Minute Review	Mmsp: White/Lash: Motion to approve September 2019 minutes as written. 4/0/0 pass
	Dr. Michael White I W1390 COUNTY ROAD AE
REQUEST FOR CUP REQUEST TO REZONE Dr. Michael White. 5-138-0	Dr. Michael White wishes to construct an approximate 80x120' solar panel system onto land parcel 5-138-0 (currently zoned Exclusive Ag). The county has denied the permit request and suggested that Dr. White may need to proceed with a request to rezone in order to receive permission to do so.
	Dr. White explained his reasoning behind his proposed positioning and illustrated how the system would need to connect to his residential electrical system (located on 5-138-1) in order to support the shed and hen house situated on 5-138-0. Realizing this, he also plans to use the system to support the residential dwelling as well.
	Dr. White would like for the commission to consider a conditional use permit for this project, but has also requested the commission move forward with the rezone approval process contingent on county decision regarding its necessity.
	The Plan Commission, after reviewing county material and State Statute 66.0401 pertaining to solar panels, is not confident that a rezone is necessary. The commission, therefore, is recommending a Conditional Use Permit be granted to Dr. White in order for him to receive permission to construct his solar panel onto 5-138-0. Realizing the potential need to rezone, the commission has also agreed to move forward with a public hearing on November 19.

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	Mmsp: Lash / Raabe: Motion to recommend approval of a Condition Use Permit for Dr. Michael White, allowing him to construct a solar panel onto 5-138-0 that will connect to the electrical system on parcel 5-138-1. This solar panel will be used to support the residential dwelling on 5-138-1 plus the agricultural buildings located on 5-138-0. 3/0/1 passed (White requested to recuse himself from the vote).
	Mmsp: Raabe / Lash: Motion to move forward with a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in order to receive public comment regarding the potential petition to rezone an 80'x120' portion of 5-138-0 from Exclusive Agriculture to Rural Residential as presented by Dr. Michael White in order to construct a solar panel. 3/0/1 passed (White requested to recuse himself from the vote).
Public Input	No public input.
Adjourn Meeting	Mmsp: Heidel / Lash Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm. 4/0/0 Passed