

Minutes Zoning Committee Meeting
November 10th, 2022, 4:00 P.M.
Village of Iola Community Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jennifer Schustek in the Village of Iola Community Room at 4:00 PM. Open meeting statements were made by chairman Schustek. Roll call was taken. Present: Zoning Committee Members: Chairman Jennifer Schustek, Jim Rasmussen, Mike Devine, Mark Sether, Larry Flowers, Ed Staal. Committee Member Excused Absence: Chuck Fritz. Others invited to the panel: Missy Fenn, Pamela Parks, and Rick Meyer. Audience in attendance: Laura Scott, Rick Ertl, Steve Schenck, Sandie Schenck, Alex Mummery, Donna Mummery, Amy Ording, Mary Schwartz, Joan Davis, William Wendlandt, Jackie Wendlandt, Joe Opperman, Megan Cahn, Ali Johnson, Mike Mazemke, Betsy Grant, Gary Marx, Dell Olson, Mark Weinreis, Dan Brasch and Deputy Clerk Laura Krogwold.

Chairman Schustek had the two representatives from Faulks Brothers Construction, Inc. (Faulks) introduce themselves: Mark Weinreis, Sand and Gravel Manager and Dan Brasch, Assistant Manager of Sand and Gravel. Mark discussed the two phases of the mine. Phase 1 would be the portion of the mine located in the Town of Scandinavia. From there, the mine would be opened moving north, until they reached Phase 2, the portion of the mine located in the Village of Iola. Connecting the two sites of the mine would be a haul road, located within the mine. The main purpose of this mine is to provide sand and rock for the contracted customers of Faulks.

The mine would be opened, and an entrance would be created off County Road J, located in the Town of Scandinavia. This would be the entrance for truck traffic, essentially keeping truck traffic off township roads. An emergency entrance would be formed off Olson Road. This would be used for emergency vehicles if needed. As per Mark, hours of operation are scheduled from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, but are more likely to follow their normal working day of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Berms would be built as the mine progressed northward. These are created to reduce noise and block the view. These berms would be approximately 10 feet high and 8 feet wide. Grass would be planted on the berms to prevent erosion.

Reclamation and environmental impact will be overseen by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The reclamation slope would be at a 3:1 ratio.

Questions were asked by the attendees and board members. The audience was polled to find out how many in attendances lived within Village of Iola limits. None were present.

The question of water quality was asked. No high capacity well will be installed on this site. Any petroleum-based fluids used in machinery will be kept at a minimal level at the mine site. Currently, there is no foreseeable impact on the ground water. Also, due to the high sand content of the area, Faulks is not expecting any standing water conditions.

The question of air quality was brought up. Dan from Faulks stated that each piece of equipment used meets its current air quality standards. In compliance with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), as soon as dust is visible from the movement of trucks on the haul road, that

road would need to be watered using a water truck that will be kept on site. Water for this truck would be obtained from a nearby pit that Faulk's is operating that has a well.

The question of blasting was mentioned. Any blasting done on site would be done to rocks that are too large for any of Faulk's onsite equipment to handle. A mandatory notice of 24 hours would be given to residents and municipalities upon need of blasting.

The question of safety during Car Show week was asked. The plan is to pull the equipment out of the pit during Car Show. If any equipment needed to stay in the pit, Faulk's would provide extra security measures for their equipment.

Questions were asked of the Iola Old Car Show: What will happen to the cars that park in the proposed mine area during Car Show? They plan on opening areas that are currently not used for parking. They stated that these areas will fully accommodate the parking lost due to the mining. The question of what the financial gain would be to the car show? It was stated that money from this project will help the car show in the years that their attendance is down due to bad weather conditions or any other unforeseen problem. The amount of profit gained from this project would be determined by market price at the time of material excavated and sold.

Mike Mazemke from the Town of Scandinavia invited concerned citizens to drive past the other reclaimed pit sites the township has (contact the Town of Scandinavia for these sites). Gary Marx, Chairman from the Town of Scandinavia, stated that the Town of Scandinavia residents should contact him regarding questions pertaining to the mine.

The next step in the process is holding Public Hearings for the Village of Iola. Questions were asked about additional meetings: when and where they would be held and how people would know about them? Once the date is set for the Public Hearing, people with residents located near the mine will be informed of this meeting via mail. Other citizens will be notified with postings at the Iola Village Hall, Iola Village Library and on the Iola Village Website. A digital copy of the Iola Non-Metallic Mining Site Operation & Reclamation Plan is available on the Village of Iola on website.

Jim Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Staal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Jennifer Schustek announced the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Submitted by: Deputy Clerk Laura J. Krogwold