Town of Merton Public Hearing

Conditional Use Request of Denis Schuh

To Conduct Land Altering Activities on Approximately 1.3 Acres to Eliminate Rocks & Boulders, Smooth out Yard with Existing Fill for Terracing & Landscaping, With a Potential Site for a Garage

December 2, 2020

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Jensen, Fleming, Siepmann, Morris, Fleming and Good,

Planner Haroldson and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Attorney Chapman

Also Present: Denis & Rose Schuh, Greg & Robin DeWerff, John & Darlene Kraft, and Kathy Haberman

Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.

Claas read the public hearing notice.

Schuh said he needed to fill to terrace down to meet the grade on both sides. In the future he hopes to build a garage. He has worked with Alan Barrows and submitted plans to Land Resources for a small, erosion control only, stormwater permit. He has received the permit.

Klink asked for a landscaping plan to see what it will look like. Jensen questioned the time frame to complete the project. Schuh stated Waukesha County gave him through December of 2021. Good asked if the earth was all on the property. Schuh indicated he hasn't brought any dirt in. Siepmann questioned the architectural requirements of the subdivision and recommended Schuh to check on that. Schuh stated the subdivision rules are 25 years old and no longer apply. Griffin questioned a silt fence. Schuh stated he has had no runoff with all of the rain and said Alan Barrows thought this would work best with the spillway. Haroldson stated typically the Plan Commission asks for a landscaping plan or some kind of engineering plan.

The Public Hearing was open to public comments and concerns.

Darlene Kraft – N49W28619 Chardon Drive – Kraft said the Schuh's are nice neighbors, but they are doing major landscaping. She stated Schuh wants a three-car garage with the middle garage having a higher height. She thinks this isn't appropriate for the neighborhood. She said they would need a driveway and they already have an extended driveway. She stated they have been doing this an awful long time.

Greg DeWerff – N48W28531 Chardon Drive – DeWerff is in support of the landscaping. DeWerff said it looks nice, he's doing it really well, and he has his blessing. DeWerff said he tried building a garage, but the by-laws for the subdivision only allowed one outbuilding. He couldn't put another garage on as an outbuilding.

Haroldson stated the Town hasn't seen anything on a garage for the Schuh property. The garage would go to the Building Inspector and the Town can't enforce covenants and restrictions.

Klink stated they will consider conditions, but will not act on this tonight.

The public hearing closed at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas Deputy Clerk

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