

Town of Merton Public Hearing
To Consider the Conditional Use Request of John Marek
To Conduct Land Altering Activities on Approximately One Acre
(with approximately 7,500 sq. ft. of disturbance)
Associated with Building a Berm to Shield the Existing Home from
Road Noise Coming from County Road KE
July 5, 2023

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Morris, Siepmann, Queoff & Good, Attorney Van Kleunen Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Also Present: Kurt Barnhart, Walt Lautner, Marta Bartolacci, John Marek, Marty Iverson, & Clerk Hann

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

Haroldson read the public hearing notice.

Marek stated he's just adding a berm. All his neighbors to the north and south have a berm in their back yard shielding them from traffic noise and privacy from Highway KE. Their hoping the berm will be about 8 feet tall and it should actually be 24 feet wide on a 3:1 slope. The 50' x 100' would be the total amount of land disturbance or alteration.

Good asked if this berm would match his neighbors' berms. Marek responded largely, some of the neighbors' berms are a little bit taller. Good questioned if he's going to plant some trees on it right away. Marek said probably not. Good asked if there were trees there now. Marek said largely no, some scrub.

Griffin questioned if there would need to be an outlet for water because you are on a hill there and it's all just going to flow north of your neighbor. Marek responded that's correct.

Klink asked where he's accessing the berm from. Mark said from Highway KE. Klink followed up by asking if he has permission from County to go through their right of way. Marek said he would get that. Klink stated that would be necessary before Marek could come off of that. When Marek is done, he would have to put grass in and grade that also. Marek said he is aware of that.

Morris asked how many cubic yards of material between fill and topsoil. Haroldson stated 1,100 cubic yards of fill.

Haroldson said he will need to get an erosion control permit from Waukesha County. Morris said for the meeting of approval he will need to have the erosion control permit as a requirement and the access permit from the County Highway. Haroldson said they will look at erosion control and stormwater.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns. They were none.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk