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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD Minutes of May 17, 2016

Department of Planning and Development 114 Main Street, Greenfield

The meeting was called to order by the Planning Board Chairperson at 6:03 p.m.

PB MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Linda Smith, Vice-chair; Virginia Desorgher; and Alternates David Moscaritolo and Charles Roberts

PB MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamie Pottern and George Touloumtzis, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Economic Development Committee (EDC) Chairperson at 6:04 p.m.

EDC MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Ricketts; Councilor Childs; Councilor Leonovich; Councilor Muzyka-Pyfrom; and Councilor Sund.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Eric Twarog, Director of Planning & Development; Aviva Latrell of the Greenfield Recorder; and Scott Decker and his wife Karen Dunphy of Decker Machine Works, Inc.

Joint Public Hearing:

- a. Joint Public Hearing with the EDC - Zoning Amendment – Amend Section 200-4.10 (C) by adding “light industry, manufacturing or processing plant” as a use allowed by special permit within the Office (O) District and by amending the table of use to reflect the same.

The PB and EDC opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Wedegartner read the public hearing notice for the record. Scott Decker of Decker Machine Works, Inc. introduced himself and his wife Karen Dunphy. Mr. Decker explained his light manufacturing business to the EDC and Planning Board members. They do milling, metal cutting and lathe work mostly with stainless steel materials. The business started in the Town of Chester, moved to Plainfield and it currently located in Ashfield. The business has been in Ashfield since 1997. Currently there is no room for expansion at their current facility in Ashfield which is why they would like to move to Greenfield on property being sold by Greenfield Savings Bank within the Office District. Decker Machine Works, Inc. currently employs twenty (20) people. Over time, they would like to increase the number of employees. Councilor Sund inquired if they have any government contracts. Mr. Decker responded no. Councilor Childs



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asked about noise since they have three (3) shifts. Mr. Decker stated that they have only had one noise complaint in the 19 years they have been in Ashfield and that there are residences in the area of their current facility. Mr. Decker stated that there are no early or late deliveries. Smith inquired about outdoor storage of materials. Mr. Decker responded that they currently have four (4) storage containers that will stay in Ashfield. Roberts inquired on the number of parcels and acreage involved with the Greenfield Savings bank sale. Mr. Decker responded that there are three (3) parcels he is interested in purchasing totaling about 6 acres. Moscaritolo asked about the Tech School and whether his company works with them on training and whether they hire any students from the Tech School. Mr. Decker responded that they have not yet hired anyone from the Tech School but that he meets with them on a regular basis to discuss and plan for such training opportunities.

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 5:0 to close the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Moscaritolo, and voted 5:0 to forward a positive recommendation to the Town Council on the proposed zoning amendment to allow the use “light industry, manufacturing or processing plant” by special permit within the Office (O) District and to amend the Table of Uses to reflect the same.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Director of Planning and Development