

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Town of Kirkwood  
70 Crescent Drive  
Kirkwood, NY 13795**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**OCTOBER 11, 2022**

#### **SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 181 KW SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM IN THE BACKYARD OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 63 BARLOW ROAD IN THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD, KNOWN AS TAX MAP NO. 162.05-1-22 AND LOCATED IN A BUSINESS TWO DISTRICT ON THE APPLICATION OF T&M VENTURES, LLC, TOM MILLIGAN, AND SLC INDUSTRIES**

Chairman Diffendorf read the notice of public hearing and commented we have the affidavits of posting by the Town Clerk, notice to property owners within 500 feet of the project, affidavit of publication in the Press & Sun Bulletin and Country Courier. We have the Broome County Planning Department 239-m recommendations and a Short EAF has been filed.

Chairman Diffendorf opened the public hearing to public participation at 7:03 p.m.

Tom Milligan, 63 Barlow Road, commented they have been planning this for 10 years and have done many things to the property. Approximately 5 years ago they regraded the back part of the property to get it ready for an installation, didn't know exactly what it would be at the time. At that time, they did a lot of investigation on what would work for the business and the building. The layout of the property faces directly south and they talked to a few different solar people and ETM Solar was the most helpful. They had them come in and do a proposal on what would be needed.

Mike Nowak, 16 S. Woodhill Avenue, commented it is great they have planned this for years but before they started clearing the land they should have figured out if it would work. People think solar is quiet but those inverters that transfer the power will be noisy all the time. Everyone thinks it won't be noisy at nighttime but it is close to the truck stop with lights there which means it will generate power at nighttime as well. The converters will run all night long. There are houses directly to the west, one is less than 50 yards away. He is a proponent of solar but this is not the right install for that situation. There are too many houses close to it. There will be approximately 400+ panels, it is not a small operation. They put trees up which is great but those trees are laughable, they are like sticks. The noise is his main concern. He doesn't think it is the right application for this use.

Gay Canough, ETM Solar Works in Endicott, commented that the inverters will not be on at night. There will be no noise at night, there is not enough light to keep them on at night. They are so far away from anybody you will not hear them. They have lot of places where you can go and listen to them.

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Hearing no other comments Chairman Diffendorf closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kay Sullivan  
Secretary, Kirkwood Planning Board