

Public Hearing for
Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for
Outdoor Recreational Facility (Sporting Clays)

April 6, 2021 Planning Board members:
Kirk Myhill, Chairperson
Brad Pask
Larry Hill
Teresa Wilkins
Jerry Velesko
Roger Wilkins
Dan Wolfe – Other

Approximately 26 attendees including board members were in attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Kirk Myhill. Kirk Myhill read public notice for public hearing. William Keppler opened up meeting by explaining his plan for establishing a sporting clay venue on his property at 11380 Main St., Shelby Center, NY. He had a printed out sporting clay course map available for the public to review. He ended with questions from the audience.

Andrew Szatkowski questioned what the hours of operation? Proposed 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and also questioned lead abatement? There's equipment designed that is available to reclaim the lead. He also questioned age requirements and background checks? 12 years and up. He agrees with the sport, but disagrees with the location.

Amy Watts questioning the noise and increased frequency with this proposed special use.

Karl Haist read letter of disapproval to this special use due to noise to neighbors, bald eagles being hindered, and safety to neighboring properties.

Brian Hebler questioned light from farm, gun shooting noise from pheasant hunting.

Lori Hosmer also expressed a concern for noise.

Kathy Hodgins questioned traffic flow in and on Alabama Street.

Lynn Williams expressed a favorable opinion for William Keppler's proposed special use application.

Dave Bracey questioned the 4 shooting stations right behind Dave's house. Beautification, sound abatement, who will monitor the sites, is there a board of directors or just him for now. Is there going to be someone on site or is this an unmanned self-service operation?

Lynn Williams questioned the vetting application process. Applicants will need to be questioned/investigated as part of vetting.

Amy Haist inquired about initial expectations of number of guests. It was mentioned 100 shots per hour potentially and 5 people would be the goal initially on a 10 station course.

Brian Hosmer also questioned vetting process/background checks.

Dave Bracey asked about vetting hunters for his pheasant operation, personal conversation with applicants. Applicants need to sign waiver.

Amy Watts absolutely disagrees with proximity of shooting course to the hamlet of Shelby Center incurring excess noise.

No further questions or comments.

Brad Pask moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Jerry Velesko, motion passed.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Pask
Secretary