

SOUTH ARUNDEL
CITIZENS FOR
RESPONSIBLE
DEVELOPMENT, ET AL.,

Appellants

v.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR 21-03

ORDER

South Arundel Citizens for Responsible Development and other individuals (“Appellants”) filed an appeal of various decisions made by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education (“local board”) regarding a cell tower project on the property of Shady Side Elementary School. In MSBE Op. No. 21-07, issued February 23, 2021, this Board held that Appellants John Earle and Pricilla Smith were the only Appellants with sufficient standing to participate as parties in the appeal and dismissed the other Appellants from the case. This Board also disposed of all issues in the appeal except for Appellants’ challenge to the local board’s approval of a forest conservation easement, which was to proceed on appeal before this Board.

After issuance of MSBE Op. No. 21-07, on March 3, 2021, the local board rescinded its approval of the forest conservation easement. The local board maintained that this action mooted Appellants’ remaining claim in the appeal. In response, Appellants conceded that the action of the local board rendered their challenge to the forest conservation easement moot. We agree.

Therefore, it is this 27th day of April 2021, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that the appeal referenced above is hereby dismissed because it is moot. *See* COMAR 13A.01.05.03B(2).

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

Clarence C. Crawford
President