

**TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2019
Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building
Legislative Conference Room – Main Floor
56 Main Street, Owego, NY
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Chairman D. Chrzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Planning Board Members:

Present: Doug Chrzanowski, Grady Updyke, Mike Reynolds, Georgeanne Eckley, Tim Pollard, Pam Moore, Art Cacciola, Chelsea Robertson, John Current, Tim Goodrich

Excused: Rawley Filbin

Absent: Sarah Titus

B. Ex Officio Members:

C. Local Officials: None

D. 239m Review: Margaret Soprano and Marcus Cole of Soprano’s Family Deli

E. Guests: Robert McConnell, Village of Owego resident

F. Staff: Elaine Jardine

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of agenda.

P. Moore/T. Pollard/Carried
None Opposed
No Abstentions

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of April 17, 2019 minutes with one correction on page 3 and one on page 4.

T. Pollard/P. Moore/Carried
None Opposed
No Abstentions

V. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- None heard.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 239 Reviews

1. County Case 2019-006NA: Village of Owego, Rezoning, Village Board of Trustees

E. Jardine explained to the TCPB members that since this Board had recommended approval of rezoning of this specific parcel from R2 to Industrial in 2010 with County Case 2010-18, there was no need to provide a duplicate recommendation and sent the case back to the Village of Owego Board of Trustees to act without a current TCPB recommendation. Nearby resident, Robert McConnell spoke and said that in 2015, the County Planning Board recommended disapproval of rezoning the property from R3 to Industrial. E. Jardine stated she had not found that case in 2015, only the request to rezone from R2 to R3. The TCPB stated by consensus that they reaffirmed the recommendation for approval of the property rezoning from R2 to Industrial in 2010. While not an official vote, the documents the County Planning Board’s position on this action.

2. County Case 2019-007: Village of Waverly, PUD Site Plan Review / Special Permit, Soprano’s Family Deli

The applicant is requesting site plan review and a special use permit to replace their existing replaceable letter-style, double-sided 4’ x 8’ sign located at the outer corner of their parking lot with a new digital sign. This sign will utilize the existing monument sign structure and the sign itself will be almost the same size as the existing sign – 5’ x 8’ and double-sided. Please see attached pictures. The neighborhood contains a mix of residential and commercial uses nearby.

Updating this prominent sign at Soprano’s market demonstrates another step in the owner’s continual investment and efforts to improve their property. The close proximity of the sign in relation to drivers/moving vehicles in the parking lot could potentially pose safety concerns especially with the presence of pedestrians. Therefore, it is advised that the digital display be programmed to have the least negative ambient impact in terms of brightness and frequency of changing messages, especially during nighttime hours.

E. Jardine then updated the TCPB members that the NYS DOT Site Plan Review Committee had addressed this case and provided comments that the maximum allowable nighttime luminance is 280 candelas per square meter; no animations may be displayed; and the sign shall display information pertaining only to the on-site business.

Staff recommends approval of the PUD site plan review / special permit with the conditions that the NYS DOT Region 9 Site Plan Review Committee reviews the proposal and provides comments and that the applicant’s sign complies with the Village of Waverly’s zoning code regarding illuminated and flashing signs.

Motion to recommend approval of the PUD site plan review / Special Permit:

J. Current/D. Chrzanowski/Carried	
Yes	10
No	0
Abstention	0

VIII. REPORTS

A. Local Bits and Pieces

1. Town of Candor – A. Cacciola

- Daffodil Day held on Saturday May 4 was a success despite the bad weather.

- Community Park Committee working on Town Hall Park has stalled for now.

2. Town of Nichols – P. Moore

- No report.

3. Town of Berkshire – T. Pollard

- NY Rural Water Association meeting on Berkshire’s Source Water Protection Plan has been postponed.

4. Town of Tioga – D. Chrzanowski

- The Lodestar Energy solar project will come before the TCPB in June.

5. Village of Waverly – R. Filbin

- Not in attendance.

6. Village of Owego – G. Eckley

- No report.

7. Town of Newark Valley – S. Titus

- Not in attendance.

8. Village of Newark Valley – M. Reynolds

- A new Trustee, John Tomison, was sworn in at last night’s meeting.
- USDA just completed the municipal water system audit.

9. Town of Owego – J. Current

- Inquired if any of the member had experience in their municipalities regarding regulations for electric vehicle charging stations. No one had yet. Discussion ensued about how complex these stations are and how much infrastructure is needed.

10. Town of Barton – G. Updyke

- No report.

11. Town of Richford - vacant

12. Spencer – T. Goodrich

- No report.

B. Staff Report:

- E. Jardine discussed that the EDP Department restructuring is finally complete as authorized by the County Legislature. A Community Development Specialist, Abbey

Hendrickson, has been hired and will start on June 24. This position will, in part, take over some of the municipal projects and outreach.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. May 29 Agricultural land use and municipal officials training was finalized and a flyer was distributed via email to local officials.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Meeting June 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM in the Legislature Conference Room.
- B. Motion made to adjourn at 8:09 PM. P. Moore/G. Eckley/Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director
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