

MINUTES OF A MEETING AS HELD BY THE
TOWN OF AURORA PLANNING BOARD

June 7th, 2023

Members Present: Donald Owens, Chairman
Jeanne Beiter
Timothy Stroth
Angela Griffis
Douglas Crow

Alternate Member: Alice Brown
Chris Contento

Absent/ Excused: Laurie Kutina
Norm Merriman

Also Present: Rich Miga, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
1 member of the public

Chairman Don Owens presided over the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY. He led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Tim Stroth made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5th, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Jeanne Beiter. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Recommendation of an ODA application at 81 Heiler Dr. as presented by Bill Putney, applicant.

Mr. Putney begins by discussing how they've owned this property for a while and have decided to finally build a house on it.

Doug Crow discusses the 2014 ODA approval for 2 lots and access driveway/road being 60' wide. The intention has always been to come back for this ODA lot.

Additional discussion regarding the secondary/continual access to Porterville Rd., similarities with the lots already approved in 2014 and the ZBA variances granted April 30, 2023 (setback, lot area, ingress/egress).

Tim Stroth asks about the access driveway that runs across the corner of #60 Heiler. He and other board members suggest looking into confirming or creating an easement. Agreement that they will not make that a suggested requirement for approval.

Doug Crow motions to recommend the Town Board approve the proposed **Open Development Area application at 81 Heiler Dr.**, as requested/presented with the variances that were approved on April 20, 2023.

Seconded by Chris Contento

Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – seven

noes – one

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and discussion of the Erie County referral review comments for the Site Plan application at 1853 Davis Rd., West Falls Center for the Arts.

Applicant not present.

Doug Crow begins by discussing the County comments as all being suggestions for consideration (ie. electric vehicle charging stations).

Tim Stroth asks what the Building Department stance is on charging stations/ accommodations and what's required.

Rich Miga responds that the Building Department is driven by what is required by the Code because that is what is enforceable. Building Department cannot require something that is not required by Code.

Doug Crow discusses electric vehicle charging stations, observations from his time in California where electric cars are higher concentrated. He mentions the charging stations being at parking garages, grocery stores and generally places where people spend an extended period of time. That application may not make sense for this location.

Jeanne discusses that the comments may be coming from the Climate Action Plan that is coming out and could have been made to begin that discussion.

General discussion by board members about bike paths, possible need for bike racks in the future. General agreement by board members that the suggestions from the County regarding bike racks and charging stations are something that can be considered long term as this project moves forward but not necessarily in the immediate future.

The Planning Board discussion of comments from Erie County Department of Environment and Planning dated May 8, 2023 regarding the Site Plan application for **1863 Davis Rd.**, West Falls Center for the Arts, resulted in no changes to their original recommendation from April 5, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

A motion was made by Tim Stroth and seconded by Jeanne Beiter to adjourn at 7:38 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY JULY 5th AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 575 OAKWOOD AVENUE, EAST AURORA, NEW YORK