

CHILI CONSERVATION BOARD

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APPROVED

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Larry Lazenby, Matt Sinacola, Jill Fornarola, Carolyn DeHority, Daryl Odhner, Bill Steimer, Mark DeCory (Town Liaison)

Absent:

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Larry Lazenby.

Draft Meeting minutes from the May 6, 2024, meeting were reviewed. There were three corrections and or revisions to the meeting minutes. Larry's name spelling needs to be corrected. Last page spelling of Chili Heights needs correction.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended was made by Jill Fornarola and seconded by Bill Steimer. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Carolyn DeHority, noted that she walked the public trail in Henrietta behind Tinkers Park. She found the park to be very nice, access trails were dry and accessible. She posed the question why the Town of Chili cannot do this with the trails under its jurisdiction? Brief discussion about funding for upgrades to the trail system followed. Question raised; Can Town of Chili landscaping funds be used for this kind of improvement?

GUEST COMMENTS:

Chirs Schultz was in attendance representing the Gazzzi property / application #2.

The area variances have been granted,

He stated that the landscaping architect estimate is high.

The project is on for a planning meeting next month.

Demolition inside the building is under way.

Addition on the south side of the building is proposed.

No changes are proposed for the storm water design.

\$750,000 is the total cost of building changes.

\$14,975.00 is estimated for the landscaping.

Larry referred to submitted cost estimate for landscaping. Required established grass areas should not be included in overall cost estimate. Providing established cover is required by the Town code.

The conservation board noted that the landscaping map has a stamp, by the Landscape Architect.

It was noted that along the south side of the property the applicant has added everything requested by the abutters. This was input from a previous meeting. Also, trees bordering along Buffalo Road have been included.

The next project phase is to the east and involves a one-story medical building.

Mark DeCory stated that when Joe Gizzi came before the planning board earlier, that he stated that apartments would be luxury apartments.

Note: The Board appreciated that the submitted paperwork regarding landscaping was well done and complete.

A motion was made to approve the final site plan by Carolyn DeHority and seconded by Daryl Odhner. The full board voted unanimously to approve.

Town Liaison Report: Mark DeCory

Mark reported that on June 29th the Summer Fest formally Chilfest, will be held on Chili Avenue proper, as done in years past. The parade will be at 5:30 PM and fireworks will also be on display, weather permitting.

(MCEC) Monroe County Environmental Council:

Larry Lazenby reported on the MCEC (Monroe County Environmental Council)

The big item from the last meeting was the students who came to the meeting. They introduced themselves and the schools they represented. Larry noted that every one of the students thanked him for the opportunity to have involvement in the EMC.

A total of five students attended the meeting. By design, all the students were Juniors. This was partly so that those in attendance could drive to the meeting.

Due to late planning of the program and scheduling the students were only able to attend one meeting.

It was noted that all three of the schools with representative students have an environmental club.

The next meeting will be in September.

The student involvement program will be reassessed in the fall and the MCEC board will determine where things go from there.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CHILI PLANNING BOARD.

Scheduled, June 11, 2024; at 7:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following applications:

Application #1 – 1440 Scottsville Road, Schultz Associates, P.C.; Effortless Real Estate, LLC. for preliminary site plan approval to erect a walk-in cooler.

The Conservation Board received word that the application was tabled by request from the applicant.

Application #2 – 4415 Buffalo Road, Gizzi Real Estate Holdings LLC, for final site plan approval to convert the existing building into A) convert existing office building to 12-unit apartment building. B) 1,160 sq. ft. addition to existing building (known as Berkeley Place Phase 1) at the property located at 4415 Buffalo Road. GB District

As noted above, A motion was made to approve the final site plan by Carolyn DeHority and seconded by Daryl Odhner. The full board voted unanimously to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brief discussion about tabled application. Application is not expected to affect the Conservation board.,

Jill Fornarola noted that travelling down Buffalo Road that an auto business site looks like it is in poor condition. The landscaping previously required and installed is not looking good.

Also, the old Walgreens site along Chili Avenue has a lot of weeds that have grown in around the building and sidewalk. There should be maintenance applied to the site.

Carolyn DeHority inquired as to any update on Davis Park. Larry stated that he went to Dave Lindsay's office. with maps, based on Google Earth. These showed the three trees allocated for replacement this year. Also shown were the two other locations, where there were dead trees. Larry reported that Dave and Tony did not think getting two extra trees would be a problem. They were going to investigate Garden Factory as a source given that the Town of Chili has a contract with the Garden factory. Now is a good time to install the trees. It was noted that the Lions Club was involved earlier and wants their credit signs reestablished. It was also noted that no sign was ever set up at Hubbard Park.

There was a brief discussion about an article in the D&C titled, Farmland at Risk. This article was about the loss of good farmland to the growing number of solar facilities being built across the state.

The May 5th article noted the problem with the state defining imminent domain control over solar farm properties.

Next meeting will be on July 1, 2024

Jill Fornarola motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, Carolyn DeHority second the motion. Motion passed unanimously by whole board.

Recorded

Matt Sinacola,

Recording Secretary,

Chil Conservation Board

June 4, 2024