

# CHILI CONSERVATION BOARD

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## APPROVED

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2024

7:00 pm

### ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Jill Fornarola

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Larry Lazenby.

Draft Meeting minutes from the June 3, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Chris Schultz's name was misspelled. Richard Schickler name should be removed from the present list, he has resigned from the Conservation Board.

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

### GUEST COMMENTS:

There were no guests at tonight's meeting.

Town Liaison Report: Mark DeCory

Mark DeCory reported: The town is coming into crunch budget time. So municipal departments are busy.

The Chili Summer Fest held this past weekend was a great event and well attended. The event schedule was delayed a little due to rain for most of the day. The weather cleared for the last afternoon and evening, so everything went well including the fireworks.

(MCEC) Monroe County Environmental Council:

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

The Council is on summer break so there was no meeting.

### **REVIEW OF SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### CHILI PLANNING BOARD.

Scheduled, July 9, 2024; at 7:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following applications:

#### **Application #1 – 1440 Scottsville Road, Effortless Real Estate, LLC. for preliminary site plan approval to erect an addition (walk-in cooler).**

Applicant has been before board before. Tabled last time. Across from Paul Road, Food prep place. They need more space. There is nothing that involves the Conservation board. Addition is on the side of the greenway. No landscaping plans were submitted. There is not a lot of room for landscaping. The area of concern is currently paved. Bill proposes that 2 or 3 planters be installed. Maybe three planters in the front of the building, facing Scottsville Road. This area is used to access the greenway.

There is a small grass area around a pole near the front of the parcel.

Board recommendations:

- 1) A minimum of three planters should be installed in front of the building.
- 2) In addition, add small shrubs or flowers, ornamental grass to the green area around the pole in front of the building.

A motion was made to adopt the noted recommendations by Matt Sinacola and seconded by Carolyn DeHority. The full board approved the motion unanimously.

**Application #2 – 3127 Chili Avenue (former Walgreens) , Rounding Third LLC, applicant Rochester W LLC owner, for preliminary site plan approval to convert the existing building to a multi-use space. B)**

**Special Use Permit to allow outdoor seating area(s)**

Outside seating is desired. No plans have been submitted. This action does not apply to the Conservation Board. The submitted sketch shows what the building will look like. One entrance has a Chipotle sign over it. The other entrance has a Panera sign over it. This graphic probably indicates what the target business occupants might be for the existing building.

The Conservation Board has no recommendation for this project at this time.

The motion was made by Larry Lazenby and seconded by Carolyn DeHority. The full board approved the motion unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Application #3 – 2675 Chili Avenue, Jack Hill applicant / owner, for recommendation to rezone the parcel from R-1-15 to NB**

The owner has a tenet to open a shop.

Parking will probably be in the back. Not a lot of room.

The Conservation Board has no recommendation for this project at this time.

The motion was made by Daryl Odhner and seconded by Bill Steimer. The full board approved the motion unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Larry is trying to find out about any candidates for new members to the conservation board. No information has been obtained yet. Mark DeCory said he will investigate this and advise the board.

Carol noted that one dead tree has been cut down and removed from Davis Park.

Daryl reviewed guidelines for tree planting, small trees are easier to plant, and their survival rate is better. Generally, 2-inch diameter (Caliper) trees are large and do not survive as well. Daryl proposes that the 2-inch diameter condition be changed from the Town of Chili landscape requirements policy. Larry noted that it took a lot of work to get the policy approved. Larry noted that the board could back off the 2-inch diameter requirement. The town has been having a tough time getting 2-inch diameter trees. A policy revision will require getting the policy reapproved by the Town. This process will take time and is unlikely to be complete for any tree planting this year. Larry feels that if 1-1/2-inch trees are available then the board can agree with that revision on case by case base. Mark DeCory agrees with that idea. Dave Lindsay has indicated to Larry that protection measures are planned for the new tree plantings.

Larry will check with Dave Dunning and David Lindey about changing the policy. Specifically: is there a problem approving 1-1/2-inch trees rather than larger trees as per the 2-1/2- inch diameter policy? Does the policy need to be changed?

The board will revisit the topic no later than the November meeting. This will leave enough time to review tree size diameters being reduced to 1-1/2 Inches. The change in policy or procedures would apply to future plantings.

There was a brief discussion regarding tree size plantings around solar fields.

Next meeting will be on August 5, 2024

Note Matt Sinacola will not be in attendance for the August meeting. Carl DeHority will not be in attendance for the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Daryl Odhner also cannot make the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Larry will check with Dawn about perhaps moving the meeting date to the following Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Steimer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM, Daryl Odhner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously by whole board.

Recorded

Matt Sinacola,

Recording Secretary,

Chil Conservation Board

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