



ALLEGANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: May 20, 2015

Present: B. Ellis, Wm. Emrick, B. Fanton, D. Foster, J. Gorton, L. Gridley, L. Kaminski, J. Stoltzfus, V. Perkins
Excused: J. Ninos
Absent: None
Guests: Kier Dirlam - County Planner; Mark Klingensmith - Alfred/W. Almond
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Town of Angelica

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lee Gridley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Gridley also welcomed and introduced the present guest.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes from **March 18, 2015** were reviewed. Valerie advised on a minor correction to the Town of Caneadea community planning notes and Brian advised on a misspelling within the Broadband Project paragraph. **On a motion by Bob Ellis and 2nd by William Emrick, the minutes from March 18, 2015 were reviewed and approved with noted corrections.**

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Public Comment:** Mark Klingensmith reintroduced himself as a technical specialist from the Alfred School of Art Design who has interests in government and local issues. Mark shared that he was also interested in learning more about the Allegany County Planning Board activities but found that the planning board meeting minutes are not up to date on the planning board website. Kier Dirlam assured Mark that this concern shall be addressed in the near future.
- Mark also shared interest in Allegany County's involvement and investment in energy projects and advocated for Allegany County to consider community solar projects. In response, Kier advised Mark to visit the recently completed Houghton College solar array for an example of Allegany County's recent involvement and investment in solar energy projects.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** None.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A.** None.

VI. REPORTS:

- A.) DEC Report:** Kier Dirlam shared information and copies of Environmental Notice Bulletins from March – May 2015. Included within the notice was a permit request from Arvos Inc. (previously known as Alstom Air-Pre-Heater) relating to an air permit request. Also enclosed was a May 6th SPDES renewal request from the Bolivar WWTP and an April 22nd SPDES renewal request from a Rushford Lake campground owner.
- B.) Intergovernmental Review Projects [IRP'S]:** None.
- C.) Southern Tier West Report:** Kier Dirlam shared information and copies of the April 16 & May 21 STW Director's reports. Kier highlighted STW's involvement in local food projects and successes with coordinating local farmers market activities.
- Kiers also mentioned that the next round of the STW Appalachia Regional Commission grant applications deadlines are due shortly.
- Kier also provided copies of the STW Planning & Development Board March 19, 2015 meeting minutes.

D.) Community Planning:

Town of Almond: No additional progress to report on the Town of Almond comprehensive plan.

Town of Alma: Larry Kaminski reported that the next Town of Alma Community Development Organization Board of Directors next meeting is scheduled for May 26th. Topics for discussion shall include updates on progress in the development of the town's comprehensive plan and intentions on an Allentown property donation from Wells Fargo.

Town of Caneadea: Valerie Perkins outlined new thoughts and ideas on draft town zoning map updates shared earlier with Kier.

Town of Amity: Updates to the town's comprehensive plan are almost complete. Kier met with the town last Thursday, May 14th to review a draft being prepared for the town boards' review. The town PB also met with the town board last Monday, May 18th in further review of the draft plan. The SEQR review has also been completed. It is anticipated that the town will hold a public hearing on the draft plan at their June meeting. It is also anticipated that the draft plan will be available for review by county PB at the June meeting. The last updates to this plan were in 2009.

E.) Continuing Education & Training: Kier provided a recap on the STW Local Government Conference held on May 6th in Houghton. There were 375 attendees, exhibitors and vendors reported in attendance and Allegany County hosted an exhibitor booth as well. Participants/attendees also shared on their experiences through networking opportunities and programs and presentations attended during the event.

Attendees were encouraged to fill out and submit attendance forms to Jim Ninos to document planning board member annual professional development obligations. Members were also reminded that any conference related expenses were reimbursable.

F.) Planning & Economic Development Office Report/Updates:

- a. Genesee River Wilds is hosting their annual river float on Sunday, June 7th. Launch will take place at Transit Bridge and boaters shall plan to drift to Caneadea. An after-party is also scheduled post event in Caneadea.
- b. A grand opening is scheduled for the newest river access park on County Rt. 31A in the Town of Amity on Saturday, June 20th.
- c. Discussion on the Crossroads and Belvidere Truck Stop projects remains ongoing. The County continues to seek out additional funding opportunities to help support the costs associated with water service installation. Many local developers have remained active and have ongoing interest in future development opportunities associated with these sites also.
- d. The Allegany County Comprehensive Plan School is now underway and is progressing well. 6 total classes have already been completed within 3 evening sessions held so far. The Comprehensive Plan School is planned to be completed by late summer. Participants include officials from the Town and Village of Wellsville and the Town and Village of Alfred. The most significant benefit to municipalities is that most Town/Village comprehensive plan work will be completed by end of these sessions.
- e. The Broadband Project continues to move forward in bringing wireless service across the county specifically targeting underserved areas. Equipment installation on towers is expected to occur in mid-June. It is also the expectation that the service may go live by October.
- f. Planning Department: The Allegany County Planning and Development Committee approved a timeline for the creation of the Allegany County Department of Planning. The public hearing for the creation of this department is tentatively scheduled for June 8. The County further wishes to ratify this department into law shortly thereafter. The county has previously had a Department of Planning but this department was dissolved in 1978.
- g. Director of Planning Department: Allegany County has updated and approved a job description for the Director of Planning and the Secretary to the Director of Planning. Kier Dirlam's and Kathleen Whitfield's titles and roles shall also be updated to reflect the changes in titles and responsibilities.
- h. Planning & Development Specialist: As per Patience Reagan's recent retirement, a new position of Planning & Development Specialist had been created to replace Patience and to further expand the associated roles and responsibilities. Allegany County has also publicized a solicitation to fill this position.
- i. Development Director: Allegany County has publicized a solicitation to fill the Allegany County Development Director vacancy created through the retirement of John Foels.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Dale Foster and 2nd by William Emrick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kaminski, Secretary