



ALLEGANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: June 17, 2015

Present: B. Ellis, Wm. Emrick, B. Fanton, D. Foster, J. Gorton, L. Gridley, L. Kaminski, J. Ninos
Excused: V. Perkins, J. Stoltzfus
Absent: None
Guests: Kier Dirlam, Allegany County Planner; Wendy Skinner, Town of Amity Planning Board; Charles Jessup, Allegany County Board of Legislators
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Town of Angelica

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman L. Gridley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Chairman also welcomed all guests present.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes for **May 20, 2015** were reviewed: **On a motion by William Emrick and 2nd by Bob Ellis, the minutes from May 20, 2015 were reviewed and approved.**

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Town of Amity Comprehensive Plan: Chairman Gridley began by introducing Wendy Skinner, Chair of Amity PB to lead in review and discussion. Kier Dirlam also advised that he had begun meeting with the Town of Amity last fall in review of their comprehensive plan last updated in 2009. Kier also provided draft updates for further reference and review.

Wendy advised that census and other associated data figures were updated within plan revisions. A complete page by page review was also completed by town planning board members. Wendy further advised that updates have also included photos of changes that have occurred within the town since 2009.

A summary of the planning boards' discussion regarding zoning and site plan review was provided. It was also noted that future development shall depend on zoning guidance and language has been inserted within revisions to initiate future consideration.

Following review, discussion, and further recommendations of inclusion of additional recreational references and organizations, **on a motion by James Ninos, and a 2nd by Dale Foster 2nd, the updates to the Town of Amity Comprehensive Plan were approved.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** K. Dirlam advised on a note received from Michael Finn's office relating to flood plains for future consideration.
B. K. Dirlam provided an update to the Wal-Mart legal challenge initiated by the Wellsville Concerned Citizens Group citing a reference from a recent local newspaper published article on this subject.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

VI. REPORTS:

- A.) DEC Report:** No reports specific to Allegany County
B.) Intergovernmental Review Projects [IRP'S]: None
C.) Southern Tier West Report: The next STW meeting is scheduled for June 25th. The primary order of business for the next meeting will be to review grant applications for Appalachia Regional Commission funding. No prior meeting minutes were available for review.
D.) Community Planning:
Town of Alma: Larry provided an update on a property recently acquired from Wells Fargo. Larry also provided a brief update on the draft Town of Alma Comprehensive Plan.
Town of Wellsville: Brian provided a report on a recent meeting in review of draft updates to town & village maps specific to industrial/commercial/agricultural area designations.

E.) **Continuing Education & Training:** None

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

- a. **Comprehensive Plan School:** Sessions continue and the school has been a positive learning environment for all involved. Participants have been very actively engaged in discussion over a number of local issues to their towns and villages as the program progresses. The consultants assigned to facilitate this course have remained very supportive as the course has progressed as well.
- b. **Broadband Project:** The project is now under construction and equipment installation on towers has commenced.
- c. **Planning Department:** The county Board of Legislators have officially created and adopted a resolution for creation of a county planning department. Official adoption occurred on Monday, June 8th.
- d. **Director of Planning Department:** Discussion has been initiated at today's Allegany County Personnel Committee meeting to start the process to create a director of planning department and a secretary to the director of planning department. It was also presumed to be taken to full committee perhaps as early as July.
- e. **Planning & Development Specialist –** The county Board of Legislators have officially created and adopted a resolution for creation of the position county "planning and development specialist". Official adoption occurred on Monday, June 8th. The creation of this position also abolishes the position of office of development clerk.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Dale Foster and 2nd by William Emrick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.