

Village of Liverpool Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday July 25, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Ostuni, Chairman
Michael LaMontagne
Peter Osborne
Greg Sgromo, Engineer
Sandra Callahan, Secretary
Tom Tartaglia, Alternate

John Eallonardo
Jim Rosier
John Langey, Atty.
William Reagan, Codes Officer
Jim Taft, Alternate

Call to Order

Chairman Ostuni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes June 27, 2016

Motion was made by Peter Osborne, seconded by Mike LaMontagne to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016 as modified with changes. Motion Passed.

Old Business

JT's Creamery – The owner was not present and will be on the agenda for the August meeting.

Dunkin' Donuts – Terry Horst was present representing Bob Abbott. She distributed new plans to the board showing extended curbs, additional green space, bike rack, photometrics plan and signage. She stated infiltration testing was done since the last meeting.

Jim Napoleon of Napoleon & Associates distributed a traffic study update in response to the July 20 letter from the Village Engineer. Mr. Napoleon said that for a new site as this you have to use ITE (Institute of Traffic Engineers) data. The traffic impact analysis shows that during the morning peak traffic leaving the site would possibly be delayed a maximum of 11.5 seconds.

Mr. Napoleon shared this information with NYSDOT. It was noted that it would be difficult to make a left turn out of the site. Mr. Napoleon said they would relocate signs and trim the low branches to improve site distance. If after opening and traffic turning left was a problem, the owner would put up no left turn signs.

Chairman Ostuni asked for questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Osborne asked if the state was ok with the proposed stacking of the cars. Dunkin Donuts widened the entering lane to alleviate any problems per DOT suggestion.

Mr. LaMontagne asked how the 2 entering lanes will help traffic flow. This will allow cars to drive around the queued cars.

Mr. Sgromo said there will be traffic coming off Rt. 57 & Vine St., is there data available from NYSDOT regarding these intersections? Per Mr. Napoleon's report, these anticipated average volumes will be trivial, unmeasurable and undetected by other motorists.

Mr. Osborne asked if the Engineer was satisfied with the response and Mr. Sgromo agrees with the numbers.

Mr. Eallonardo asked if there is any way to project what this traffic will have on the speed of traffic on 2nd Street; it will probably slow down the traffic speed.

He also asked what effect the project will have on pedestrian walkability? Mr. Napoleon said it was hard to say.

Ms. Horst said there is a 6' wide bike rack included with the most recent drawing.

Chairman Ostuni mentioned the proposed Onondaga Lake Parkway Project and asked what NYSDOT thinks the impact will be on Dunkin Donuts.

Mr. LaMontagne thinks the no left turn should be implemented upon approval of project. Mr. Reagan was in agreement. He also said he doesn't like the amount of pavement shown on the plan and that pedestrians would have to cross 2 lanes of cars at the site. There needs to be more landscaping, there isn't enough green space.

Mr. Osborne asked what the purpose of the gravel strip was. Ms. Horst said it was for storm water mitigation.

Attorney Langey said we need the NYSDOT letter from Jim Napoleon before we are able to call a public hearing. Chairman Ostuni said we want the site plan to be as exact as possible for the August meeting to possibly call the public hearing.

Meyer Manor Apartments

Steve Calocerinos was present to present information updates.

The last drawings submitted showed 5 buildings on the site. Tonight's drawing showed three 3 story buildings with the number of units reduced to 108. He said they laid the site out a little differently with parking and green space for community space.

He stated he is working on the design of the buildings with the Architect, he said the buildings might need to be 38' not 35' tall, if this were the case a variance would be needed.

Attorney Langey said he needs to address sewer issues with the Town of Salina soon. Steve said they need an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town for the sewers. They will be making the formal application to the Town of Salina and WEP for the sewers within the next 30 days.

Lighting is being designed and the site plan was submitted to a lighting company for review.

Attorney Langey asked if there were any balconies planned and Mr. Calocerinos said no.

Mr. Osborne said that maybe there should be smaller buildings. He would like to see more architectural relief on the plans. He also said the snow removal need to be better addressed.

Mr. LaMontagne suggested maybe reducing the parking and move the buildings back 10' or so.

It was mentioned that the request for the Zone Change from the Village Board has not been approved yet.

Mr. Calocerinos said that letters have been sent to the Fire Department asking for input. He still would like to have a lift gate on Donald Drive for emergency vehicles only.

Attorney Langey said that if variances are going to be needed Steve should address the Zoning Board so the architect can make adjustments.

Mr. Eallonardo asked how Steve has addressed the Community Design standards; Steve said the architect is working on designs to comply.

Onondaga Lake Parkway Project

Chairman Ostuni wants the Planning Board to submit comments to the State DOT for the record regarding the proposed project.

Mr. Eallonardo said reducing the number of lanes will help reduce Village traffic and he likes the idea of looping the lake and improving walkability.

Mr. Osborne suggested that NYS DOT consider additional measures as noted in the Onondaga County Settlement Plan that will reduce traffic on the Onondaga Lake Parkway and improve the traffic problems within the Village of Liverpool.

Such measures should include utilization of the Thruway as a bypass, including toll-free access for those travelling between areas north of the Village of Liverpool and the City of Syracuse. This would greatly reduce traffic through and around the Village as well as on the Parkway.

Mr. LaMontagne would like to see 2 lanes through the Village and suggested an adjustment of the intersection to a more normalized tee intersection in lieu of a roundabout at Heid's corner.

A formal letter will be drafted and submitted to the State for the record.

There being no further business, Mr. Osborne moved and Mr. LaMontagne seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Callahan
Planning Board Secretary