

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held at the Town Office Building, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY, Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: L. Miller
L. Cicciarelli
S. McLain
T. Crowley
S. Forster
M. Jaros
D. Kudgus
S. Yalamanchili, Alternate

Others present: Marina Lane
Rick Materese
Ray Vanderpoel
Daniel Nead
Jeff Ares
Steve McElwain
Mary Ann Cuff
Marty Cuff
Ash Forse
Donald Forse
Skye Forse
Alice Christoff
Carl Rant

I will read the public hearing notice, and then, if you have questions or comments, we ask that you address them to the Planning Board, and state your name and address for the record before your question.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing relative to an application by Broome County for a special permit to develop in the 100-year floodplain for a new path and amenities in William Hill Park, located at 42 Camden Street (property tax map # 142.16-1-2). The improvements will not raise base flood elevation.

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Town Board Meeting Room on the second floor of the Town of Union Office Building located at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York. The application is available for review in the Town of Union Planning Department (at the address listed above) during normal business hours (8 AM to 4PM).

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at (607) 786-2985 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Secretary.

MS. MILLER: Would you like him to give a presentation?

MS. LANE: Well I really don't want to do those presentations when it's being recorded as part of the Public Hearing, because Carol has to work so hard to get that verbatim.

MS. MILLER: Okay.

MS. LANE: I think that the SEQRA explained the projects well enough and what I would recommend is that people ask their questions and then we close it. What do you think? Were you going to say anything significantly different than what I said?

MR. NEAD: No. (laughter!) The project is very limited in scope.

MS. MILLER: Okay. Does anyone have any questions?

MR. CUFF: Marty Cuff; I live at 9 Onondaga Street. My property is right behind the parking lot. If I heard you correctly, you are going to do a walk way around the park and a viewing area by the river. Does this viewing area require removing trees?

MR. NEAD: No.

MR. CUFF: Because the only trees that you have in the park are what is holding the bank up. On the riverside, if you don't start putting some trees in, there won't be a park. You should be addressing that. The other concern that I have, and I'm all in favor of it, currently we are working with the Town, the Parks Commission, because we have a little race track with the motorcycles over there visiting. To patrol the park, it is very hard to catch these people, but something to consider, maybe speed bumps, I don't know. But that is a concern I have. And also at Otsiningo Park, I know the asphalt lifts up during a flood and moves. So it is something that is going to have to be repaired periodically. You have to plan for that.

MR. NEAD: I'll pass on those sentiments to the County.

MS. MILLER: Thank-you. Will the County maintain the park?

MR. NEAD: No.

MS. LANE: This is Ray Vanderpoel, in orange. Ray is the Director of Parks (?).

MR. VANDERPOEL: Park Manager.

MS. LANE: I don't know, Ray, what do you think? Will the County maintain it for you? (Laughter).

MR. VANDERPOEL: No, we'll be maintaining it, I'm sure.

MS. MILLER: Thank-you. Any other questions?

MR. MATERESE: Just in regards to the possible lifting up of the asphalt once it is down, is that going to be a Town responsibility, or does the County come and fix that? Do you know?

MR. NEAD: I would assume would be the Town.

MR. MATERESE: So it's going to be a town thing.

MR. CUFF: It may not happen, but look at Otsiningo Park.

MR. NEAD: The Town is responsible for the parking lot, now the track will be part of that.

MS. MILLER: Thank-you. Anyone else? Do any Planning Board members have any questions? No, then we will close the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:12 p.m.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

CAROL M. KRAWCZYK