

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held relative to consider a revision of a special use permit for a tavern prohibiting outdoor amplified music at the Fairways Indoor Golf Company, located in the multi-tenant commercial plaza at 511 Hooper Road on March 14, 2023, at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Members present: L. Miller

M. Jaros

T. Crowley

C. Bullock

M. Hills

N. Sarpolis

G. Ksenak

Others present: Marina Lane

Alan Pope

Chad Kies

Blake Hickey

Chris Brown

John Miller

Patty Kies

Jeff Kies

Jill Lloyd

John Mastronardi

Greg Catarella

Linda Mackenzie

Lisa Gallagher

Jessica Archetto

Jason Shaw

Robert Potochniak

MS. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing, and I will read the public notice.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing to consider a revision of a special use permit for a tavern prohibiting outdoor amplified music at the Fairways Indoor Golf Company, located in the multi-tenant commercial plaza at 511 Hooper Road (Tax Map #142.13-1-12).

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 during normal business hours (8 AM to 4 PM).

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at (607) 786-2926 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. Lisa B. Miller, Planning Board Chair.

MS. MILLER: Are there any questions or comments?

MS. LANE: I would like to read a statement that I got in an email. Chris Solo at 702 Byford Boulevard wrote, "I am not able to attend the hearing, but I enjoy the outdoor music. I do not want to see it prohibited."

MS. MILLER: Does anyone else have any comments or questions?

MR. BROWN: So, we are here as the owners. Luckily it has been a great venture so far. We have gotten fantastic feedback from the community. One thing that we can say is that we did have a couple of bands last year, and these specific bands did put amplified speakers outside the garage door. Going forward we are certainly not going to allow that. We don't want the residents of the community to be disturbed by our music. And we are also going to do whatever we can do to make sure that people can continue to have a great environment for people from around the community and around the state to enjoy our concerts. So one thing we are doing, and I think we will have a full idea by the next meeting, I think we are going to get adjourned tonight; but we are going to have a real plan put together to make sure that we mitigate any further issues so that nobody is disturbed by our music. In general, that is why we are here to put those points on the record. I didn't even know that the original permit didn't even allow for outdoor music. So, in full honesty, those speakers should not have been outside.

MS. MILLER: Thank you very much. We are going to leave the Public Hearing open till the next meeting, in the event that the weather prevented anyone from coming tonight. So we have made that decision. Is everybody in favor of that?

MS. LANE: I think we should have a motion.

MR. POPE: Yes, I would.

MS. MILLER: Would someone make a motion that we leave the public hearing open? Mr. Crowley made the motion to keep the public hearing open and Mr. Jaros seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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.

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CAROL M. KRAWCZYK