

**Town of Horicon
Planning Board**

**June 15, 2016
MINUTES**

Present at Meeting: Chairperson William McGhie
Vice-Chairperson Teri Schuerlein
Dan Freebern
Georgia McMeekin, Alternate #1
Joe Turcotte, Alternate #2

Also Present: Bob Olson, Town Board member, Jim Steen, Zoning Administrator, Tom Johansen, Tom Jarrett, Brian Bearor, Brandon Himoff.

ADENDA ITEMS: File 2016-05 CU, Tax Map # 88.14-1-10

Pledge

Chairperson, William McGhie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson, William McGhie appointed Georgia McMeekin, Alternate # 1 and Joe Turcotte, Alternate # 2 in the absence of Board members Mike Raymond and William Siegle.

Approval of minutes: Vice-Chairperson Teri Schuerlein made a motion to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes as written. Second by Dan Freebern. **ALL AYES.**

PUBLIC HEARING: File 2016-05 CU
Tax Map # 88.14-1-10
YMCA of Glens Falls
142 Tannery Road
Brant Lake, NY 12815

Conditional Use approval for Institutional Use parks/recreation and community center

Brian Bearor, CEO of the YMCA of Glens Falls spoke on behalf of the proposed Conditional Use to be able to operate a parks/recreation and community center at the former Susie Q's restaurant. Brian Bearor stated that the YMCA took possession of the property from the Himoff's about a week ago. The YMCA's intent for use of the facility will be to introduce multigenerational programs for the community. They will not duplicate programming already in the area. They would like to start initially with a summer program to begin July 5, 2016 in collaboration with North Warren School District for children in 1st and 2nd grade that are reading below their grade levels and are a part of the free lunch program as well. These children have poverty issues as well as reading problems. This will be an early intervention program to improve reading skills and provide meals for the children. The start time of the program would be 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and the YMCA will be providing transport to and from home through partnership with school district. This will be an active learning program in the morning with regards to reading, then lunch and then afternoon experiential learning, for example, science projects and health and wellness education. Each Friday the children will be taken on field trips. There will be no charge for this program. Going forward they YMCA would like to provide breakfast for children and a "backpack program" for weekends to provide food for the children. The YMCA by connecting with other non-profits will identify more needs in the area and meet those needs. This program will be a Monday to Friday program and in the fall and an after school program from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm. The YMCA would like in the future to build weekend programs as well. These types of programs will help the youth to grow in pride, be successful and after graduation hopefully reside back in area. During the day in the fall the YMCA would like to build health and wellness programs for adults and seniors.

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Chairperson William McGhie stated that it sounds like a great program and asked when he would like to start the reading program. Brian Bearor responded July 5, 2016.

Vice Chairperson Teri Schuerlein asked Brian Bearor about how many children will be in the program and Brian responded that they have identified at least 20-25 children for the summer program.

Dan Freebern asked about transportation and Brian responded that they have contracted through the schools and the school bus drivers will be used for the YMCA program. That will alleviate any influx of cars. There will be four (4) to six (6) staff members as well.

Vice Chairperson, Teri Schuerlein asked whether we can have a special meeting in order to fast track the approval of the application and Jim Steen, Zoning Administrator stated that there would be no problem with having a special meeting for this application. The Public Hearing can be scheduled for June 29, 2016 provided the room is available. On Thursday, June 16, 2016 Terri Katsch, Secretary will make sure the room is available and schedule the Public Hearing. Once that is done the Board members will be advised of the date of the Public Hearing, the adjoining owners notices will be sent out and the Legal Notice will be placed in the paper on Friday, June 17, 2016.

Jim Steen, Zoning Administrator stated that he spoke with Mike Shaw of the Health Department today and Mike indicated that the YMCA application is not yet complete. Tom Jarrett from Jarrett Engineers stated that Mike Shaw is waiting for a report from his office which will be sent to the Glens Falls Health Department shortly. Tom Jarrett has evaluated the wastewater and will be providing a copy of the report to the Town of Horicon as well. The District Director of the Health Department has been in touch with Brian Bearor and the Director has assigned a staff member from the Health Department to the YMCA to walk them through the application process.

Chairperson William McGhie asked if there will be any structural changes to the property and there will be no structural changes only a new roof will be put on the building.

The Board members discussed the traffic situation at that intersection of State Route 8 and Tannery Roads.

Dan Freebern asked Brian Bearor about the after school programs in the fall and wanted to make sure that the YMCA will be coordinating with the North Warren School Districts after school programs. Brian Bearor responded that the YMCA will be coordinating with the school's programs and not conflict with other programs.

Jim Steen, Zoning Administrator stated that there needs to be a correction on the application regarding the lot number. This application applies to Lot 10 and not Lot 11. The Board members made the correction.

Discussion ensued regarding updating the Board members over the winter months with the development of future programs.

Vice-Chairperson, Teri Schuerlein made a motion to deem the application complete and set a date for a Public Hearing based on the availability of the Town Hall with the first option being June 29, 2016, second option, June 27, 2016 and third option June 30, 2016. Second by Dan Freebern. **ALL AYES.**

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Being no further questions or comments Vice-Chairperson, Teri Schuerlein made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dan Freebern. **ALL AYES.**

Bob Olson, Town Board member stated that this project will have a significant positive impact on the area.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next meeting: June 29, 2016