

Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2023

The meeting is called to Order at 6:12 pm.

Present:

Chairman Joseph Sibiga

Board Members Present: Chris McInerney, Travis Coddington, Steve Bobik, Anthony Carminati, Katherine Parr,

Absent: Shelley Curry

Public Present: Councilman Kevin Smith

Minutes of previous meeting from September 15, 2022 were read and Chairman Sibiga requests a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion is made by Katherine Parr and seconded by Steve Bobik. All in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting from October 20, 2022 were read and Chairman Sibiga requests a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion is made by Chris McInerney and seconded by Katherine Parr. All in favor.

No Planning Board Meetings were held in November or December of 2022.

Minutes of previous meeting from January 26, 2023 were read, and corrected. Corrections will appear in red. Chairman Sibiga requests a motion to approve the minutes as read and corrected. Motion is made by Anthony Carminati and seconded by Travis Coddington. All in Favor.

New Business:

- No New Business.

Old Business:

- No Old Business.

Chairman Sibiga asks for Board Member Comments:

- Travis Coddington asks about why the DEC would not require a permit for use of the property that was the subject of the Land Acquisition Notification from last month's meeting. He states that when no permit is required visitors to the area have no idea where the boundaries are for the areas that they are allowed to visit and subsequently end up trespassing on other people's property. Discussion follows regarding permitted versus non-permitted parcels and how and if those parcels are marked and enforced. Concerns were raised regarding trespassing and hunting safety issues when these DEC parcels abut residential parcels. Additional discussion regarding DEP marking of parcels and the blatant disregard of marked parcels by visitors to the area, specifically the wooded areas as opposed to fishing permitted areas, etc.

Board Member Comments continued...

- Chairman Sibiga states that he did discuss the recent NYC DEP Land Acquisition Notification matter with Supervisor Brooks regarding the Planning Board's suggestion of ways to keep these types of properties on the Town's tax rolls. Chairman Sibiga states that Supervisor Brooks generally agrees, but unfortunately, the MOA makes opposition to this type of sale virtually impossible.
- Councilman Smith states that he too discussed the matter with Supervisor Brooks and also refreshed himself with the MOA and any minimal wetlands can be subject to the DEP Acquisition process. Travis Coddington interjects that there are percentages regarding wetlands and the property slope that are stated in the MOA that he feels are not met on this particular parcel. Councilman Smith states that this parcel borders previously purchased property which is an automatic qualification to purchase this parcel.
- Travis Coddington states that the Planning Board should review the MOA and involve the Town Attorney as this particular parcel doesn't just border a previously purchased DEP property but it also borders other residential parcels. He states that if this kind of acquisition is allowed to continue when parcels are for sale or possibly even before parcels are for sale, Denning will continue to lose taxable land. Discussion follows.
- Anthony Carminati asks the status of the Frost Valley YMCA solar panels. Chairman Sibiga states that he believes they have been up and running for quite some time.
- Steve Bobik asks if there is any further information on the Frost Valley YMCA cemetery inquiry. Chairman Sibiga states that no further proposal information has been received.
- Katherine Parr asks if there is any status on other Old Business items of the Planning Board. Chairman Sibiga states that all Old Business matters have been dealt with and anything coming before the Board in the future will be New Business.

Chairman Sibiga asks for Town Board Liaison Kevin Smith's comments:

- Councilman Smith has no comments other than to thank the Planning Board Members for their volunteered time and attendance in service to the Town. It is greatly appreciated.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:40 pm made by Anthony Carminati and Seconded by Katherine Parr.

The next Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting will be held at 6 pm on March 16, 2023.