

**VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2008**

Present: Amedeo Fraboni and Kevin Smith were present. John Vona, Joe Fazzary and Tom Fitzgerald were absent. Also present was Gordon Wright and Donna J. Beardsley, along with approximately 10 other people.

Tom Fitzgerald arrived at 7:13 pm.

Acting Chairman Fraboni called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

New Business

1. Public Hearing – Magee Landing/Benedict Project

Acting Chairman Fraboni opened the public hearing on this project at 7:16 pm. Mr. Fraboni asked Mr. Benedict to give a quick overview of his project. Mr. Benedict reviewed the scope of the project. Holly, a representative of Finger Lakes Railroad asked a few procedure questions. Marianne Shoemaker, a neighbor to the project, re-iterated to the Board what she and her husband consider safety concerns regarding this project, particularly what they see as traffic safety issues. Holly from the Finger Lakes Railroad also expressed some of the safety concerns of the railroad.

2. Public Hearing - Watkins Glen Housing Authority Project

Acting Chairman Fraboni opened the public hearing on this project at 7:35 pm. Mr. Fraboni asked Anne Cleveland from the Watkins Glen Housing Authority to give a brief overview of their project. Gordon informed the board that the County Planning Commission deemed this project as one of local concern only. The Board members had no further concerns regarding this project and no one from the public spoke regarding this project.

The public hearing on the Magee Landing project was closed at 7:46 pm. Tom Fitzgerald stated to those present that although the Board has heard the concerns regarding the traffic pattern to and around the project the jurisdiction of this Board does not involve the road, only what is proposed to be on the property itself.

The decision regarding the approval of this site plan was tabled so that the members that were unable to be at the meeting could be present for the final vote on this project. As required, a decision will be reached with 60 days of this public hearing.

The public hearing on the Watkins Glen Housing Authority project was closed at 7:50 pm. A motion to approve the site plan of the Housing Authority was made by Tom Fitzgerald, and seconded by Kevin Smith. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

Tom Fitzgerald made the motion to accept the minutes of October 15 & 22, 2008. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Updates:

Gordon informed the Board that Gary Hong is considering one or more other sites in the Village and has not yet done anything further with the Eleventh Street property since the approval of his site plan. It was noted that once a site plan is approved, that plan remains valid for one year. It is possible to get an extension of time for a site plan if the extension is requested before the one-year timeframe expires.

Gordon informed the Board that Jim Guild's project for the expansion of Famous Brands might be issued a temporary certificate of occupancy to open by the end of this month. Jim has not yet started the project at the former hardware building.

Gordon noted that the theater project is moving along nicely, as are several other smaller projects throughout the Village.

Tom Fitzgerald made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Kevin Smith seconded the motion and all approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA J. BEARDSLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY