

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD
303 N Franklin Street
Boardroom
January 28, 2026 - 6:00 pm

Present: Ian Ault, Brian Eslinger, Rukundo Benedict, Emma Herbert, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Dennis Tremblay, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson. Alice Dalrymple was absent.

Ian Ault called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: *Waterside on Seneca – 157 Lembeck Lane – Site Plan Extension Request*

No was present on behalf of Waterside on Seneca.

PUBLIC HEARING: *Watkins Glen Motor Racing Research Council (WGMRRC) – 109-111 N Franklin St - Museum*

Margaret Lawrence, Director, was present. Brian Eslinger moved to open the public hearing. Rukundo Benedict seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6:02 pm Public hearing open.

Ms. Lawrence gave a general description of the museum project at 109-111 N Franklin Street. Ms. Lawrence noted that the museum will support 15 full-time employees, 10 part-time employees, docents and volunteers. No other public comments noted. Brian Eslinger moved to close the public hearing. Emma Herbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:08 pm Public hearing closed.

Board reviewed environmental impacts. Brian Eslinger moved for a negative declaration. Rukundo Benedict seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Brian Eslinger moved to approve the museum site plan for 109-111 N Franklin Street as presented. Rukundo Benedict seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Although Mr. Wilcox was not present, the application requested a one-year extension due to issues with the state permitting process. While the Board prefers that the applicant be present, Rukundo Benedict moved to approve the extension for one year. Brian Eslinger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Brian Eslinger moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025 as presented. Emma Herbert seconded, and the motion passed with Brian Eslinger abstaining.

BOARD CONCERNS

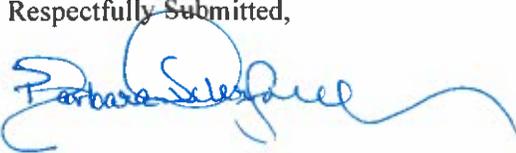
Brian Eslinger noted that he completes his term the end of March. Please forward names of any interested parties to Mayor DeNardo.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Eslinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Rukundo Benedict seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:23 pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara J Peterson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer