

Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman
Patti LaVigne, Councilwoman
Matthew Griffo, Councilman
James Coniglio, Town Attorney
Courtney Kennedy, Town Clerk
Linda LeMoyne, Clerk to the Supervisor
David Woods, Planning Board Member
Robert Harris, Planning Board Member
Andrew Chanler, Town Insurance Agent

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne Harris, Joseph Ferrero, Jack Killcoyne

MEETING OPENING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The flag was pledged and a moment of silence was held for the men and women serving around the world.

Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016, as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

CONESUS LAKE/LONG POINT PARK:

At 7:10 p.m. Supervisor Wadsworth announced that the public hearing on the Long Point Park Master Plan was still open and invited comments and questions. Joanne Harris addressed the board:

“Before the public hearing on the Long Point Park Master Plan closes, I would like to comment. I was a member of the Master Plan Committee and am currently a member of the Steering Committee. But tonight, I would like to address the board as just a town resident. I do not agree with the intent of some of the goals within the Long Point Park Master Plan. Master Plan Goal – Make the park financially self-sustaining, partner with the village and other nearby towns....for cost sharing. I believe that a town the size of Geneseo could have a town park which is sustained through town taxes. I do not think that a town park should need to generate enough revenue to pay for the upkeep and lifeguards. Open green space is an issue of quality of life for the town residents. I, along with everyone in the town, appreciate all that the town board does to keep property taxes as low as possible, but I think the bones of a park should be paid out of tax revenue. I would be embarrassed as a town resident to have the Town of Geneseo approach the Town of Livonia to request cost sharing. Master Plan Goal – Increase park utilization, bring back the mini golf and rides. I believe that the best parks are user defined. The basics such as restrooms, picnic tables and in the case of a lakeside park, swimming are provided and the user can determine what activity to pursue. Children need active play for optimal health and development and many adults today are inactive. A park that encourages running and active play for our families will contribute to their physical and mental well-being. We should be offering open space for games and playgrounds that encourage movement. Riding on a mechanical ride does nothing to develop young minds and bodies. Master Plan Goal – Preserve Park History, create visitors center and investigate methods to ensure NEW buildings... reflect history of the park. The park is only 9 acres of space. According to the 2008 Geneseo Town Outside the Village Master Plan, only 15 acres within the town outside the village is devoted to parks, forests, and conservation. We need this park to remain largely green space. Surely there are other locations within the town for buildings in which groups can meet or for commercial style amusements. I believe that Long Point Park provides the Town of Geneseo with a unique and beautiful space for outdoor activity. I think we need to limit the space permanently denied by rides and buildings and allow our residents to simply enjoy the outdoors.”

TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL:

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to extend the one year Intermunicipal Agreement for the collection of taxes with Geneseo Central School District. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE:

David Woods informed the board members that the public open house and formal presentation of the draft Farmland Protection Plan occurred on Tuesday, April 26th. Mr. Woods stated that the event was well attended, but would have liked to have more active farmers in attendance. The public open house provided an opportunity for those present to speak with John and Molly of Steinmetz Planning Group, and address any questions or concerns they may have. Steinmetz will be working on the recommendation section of the plan. The draft will need to be referred to the Livingston County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board for their May 19th meeting. Tentatively, the town board will hold a public hearing on the plan in June.

COMPREHENSIVE REZONING:

Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to refer the draft Town of Geneseo Zoning Code Update to the Livingston County Planning Board for their review. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: none.

LOCAL LAW #1-2016 GAMES OF CHANCE:

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to schedule the public hearing for Local Law #1-2016 at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: none.

DEER RUN ENTERPRISES INC:

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to waive the 30-day advance notification requirement for Deer Run Enterprises Inc's application to the New York State Liquor Authority. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

ANDREW CHANLER, CHANLER AGENCY:

Andrew Chanler provided a summary on the renewal of the town's insurance that occurred on March 29, 2016 with NYMIR. Mr. Chanler explained what changes occurred and the results those changes had on the insurance premium. Mr. Chanler informed board members that he is always available to answer any questions or address possible concerns, and that he is usually in contact with office staff once or twice a week, handling town insurance matters.

PUBLIC HEARING-LONG POINT PARK MASTER PLAN:

At 8:08 p.m. Supervisor Wadsworth asked if there were any additional comments on the draft Long Point Park Master Plan. Joseph Ferrero stated:

"I would like to speak as a 4th generation resident of Geneseo. Long Point Park has a wide reach (beyond our town) and touches many people in many ways. The steering committee has been given a task to better utilize Long Point Park, and this is a huge task. They need all resources available to carry out such a great task, and should not be bound and restricted based on the desires of a few, but look to the needs of those that use and revisit the park from our town and beyond. I would like to read a message sent to me this past week From Brent Gardner (Washington D.C.) 'Thank you for doing what you are doing for Long Point. I moved away from Geneseo some time ago but I will never forget going there with my Mom, Dad, Brother and grandparents when I was so young. I have been watching your efforts on facebook for some time and followed your efforts the way I still read the local news, Democrat and Chronicle, and occasionally listen to Rochester radio on the internet. Over the past year my heart has broken a few times for the town that I called home in my formative years as the past years struggles have been front page fodder and left residents of this proud and happy town at times little to smile about. I can't help but admire the actions of a man whose life and hobbies are blessed by a dedication toward preservation of history. From old cars to a place where generations gave birth to memories that they will cherish all their lives, your task is a noble one. While I wont be able to join you in the clean up this weekend or likely many of the activities you will be doing to aid the park, please know that though miles and time separate me from the Geneseo community and your efforts, I appreciate your efforts and will from time to time look for ways to support what you are doing. Again, Many thanks for your efforts.' Thank you for considering those that use and revisit the park from our town and beyond."

With no further comments, Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to **close the public hearing** on the draft Long Point Park Master Plan. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

At 8:57 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session, with no action taken. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, Wrubel-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:57 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Kennedy, Town Clerk

UNAPPROVED