

Members Present:

Matt Griffo, Chair
Bob Freiburger
Sue Richardson
Dori Farthing

Other Village Representatives Present:

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell
MRB | group Engineer Scott DeHollander
Attorney J. Thomas Reynolds

Public Present:

Todd Welch	Richard Young	Jim Walker	Barbara Dechario
Barbara Walker	Zahra Miskell	Sandy Brennan	Diony Young
Ginny Brougham	Mary Beck	RW Brougham	Robert Semmel Jr.
Rodney Belfiore	Lynn LaGrou	Cathie Gehrig	Chris O'Brien
Brigid Cotton	Dan Dimpfl	Sue Dimpfl	Dana Robertson
Sharri Anderson	Tracy Rollins	L. Rollins	Jane Dulmage
Peter Dulmage	Peter Robinson	Bonnie Lynch	Tom Lynch
Scott Cannon	D. Scheinitski	Duane Messerschmidt	
Gregg Hartvisgon	Adrianna Betts	Edith Matthews	Ellen Macy-Flint
Dana Merial	Lionel Rodriguez	Cathy Oaks	Paula Flickner
Tom Moran	Ken Herlihy	Sid Bosch	Carolyn Meisel
Allen Yarton	Jon Bailey	Serena Kniffen-Struble	
Ken Graham	Bill Lofquist	John Ludlow	June Simms
Penny Hamilton	Liz Porter	Chris German	Mary Coniglio
Dale Scoville	Brad Hill	Joanne Finn	Jay Phillips
Rick Walton	Stewart Leffler	Geoff Staley	John LaGeorge

Little League Representatives:

Sean & Sally Ledwith
Rick Vattimo
Scott Ledwith
Kurt Frazier
Bill Kiehl
Tom LaGrou

1. Meeting/Hearing Opened:

Chair Griffo opened the regular meeting of the Planning Board and Geneseo Little League public hearing at 7:00PM.

Chair Griffo clarified that yes this hearing was advertised as such, but that it is more of a public informational meeting. Chair Griffo stated that Little League representatives approached the Village Board with their ideas for the park, and then the Village Board requested that the Planning Board review as they would with any other site plan that might come before them. Chair Griffo noted that Little League representatives have appeared before the Planning Board at least once or twice.

Chair Griffo asked that all comments be limited to approximately two minutes, that the Board will take comments by going around the room in an orderly fashion at which time, the speaker shall say their name for the record. Chair Griffo explained that Rick Vattimo, a Little League representative would be giving a short power point presentation and the Board would take comments from the public, noting that one negative comment does not outweigh three hundred good ones and vice versa. Chair Griffo asked that all present listen thoroughly and that the intent would be to leave the meeting as we came in, a happy community. Chair Griffo requested that all comments/questions be directed to the Board and if possible, would appreciate if comments were not repeated.

Rick Vattimo, Little League Representative, presented a power point presentation:

Slide #1: General Information

-Approximately 250 kids participated in Geneseo Little League in 2007.

Slide #2: 2007-2008 Little League Field Expansion

- New “minors” field (already completed)
- Regulation Fencing (already installed) for the new “minors” field.
- New Backstops at Coach Pitch Field, which used to be the T-Ball field
- New T-Ball field in south west corner
- New Lights on existing “majors” field

Slide #3: Adding Lights to existing Majors Field

- Overhead diagram of where lights will be placed.

Slide #4: Lighting Specifications

- Four Metal Light Poles
- Total of 26 light fixtures
- Pole Height: 60’ above ground
- Each bulb will be a 1500-watt bulb
- The use of cut off shields on the light fixture to reduce light spillage is being assessed as discussed with the Planning Board and their Engineer Scott DeHollander of MRB | group.
- All poles, fixtures and panels will be grounded per Code
- Lights will be turned on/off by switches controlled by lock and key. A timer will be put on them to ensure that they are out by 10PM.
- Power to each pole will be underground
- Lights will primarily be used for Friday and Saturday night games
- Little League defines standards for lighting including:

- Quantity of Light:

 - Average of 50-foot candles on infield

 - Average of 30-foot candles on outfield

- Lamps:

 - 1500-watt metal halide, ANSI Code M48PC-1500/BU

- Aiming Angles:

 - At least 25 degrees below horizontal

- Poles:

 - Steel poles in concrete foundations

- Height:

 - Fixtures mounted 60’ above field

Slide #5: Lighting Specifications – Surrounding Neighbors

- Overhead diagram
 - 600 feet from Rorbach Lane
 - 230 feet from Stuyvesant Manor
 - 300 feet from Center Street
 - 470 feet from Highland Road

Slide #6: 60’ Light Poles

- Diagram of where the poles would be in height compared to the tree line.
- Tree Line is approximately 50’ high.

Slide #7: Other Light Poles

- Geneseo High School Football Field = 80’
- New Little League Lights = 60’
- Highland Park Basketball Court = 40’
- Geneseo High School Parking Lot = 30’
- Highland Park Tennis Courts = 30’

Slide #8: Other Considerations

- Lighted games will begin at 7:45PM
 - Will reduce parking needs by not having 4 games at once
- Lights will turn off at 10:00PM when the park closes
 - Not affecting true summer dark sky significantly
- Used Exclusively for Little League from April though August
 - Other scheduling requests will be required to be submitted in writing and would be subject to Village Board approval
- Tournament play will be limited to weekends in July or August

Slide #9: Light Spillage

Foot Candle Measurements for the field and surrounding areas.

It was noted that foot-candle measurements do not take into account:

- Spillage blocking from existing trees
- The use of cut off shields for each fixture (re-design in process)

Slide #10: Pole Fall Zone Diagram from overhead

At this time, before taking any comments or questions from the public, Chair Griffo introduced Scott DeHollander from MRB | group and explained that MRB is the Village's engineering firm and that Scott advocates for the Village, primarily the Planning Board and that he has been working very closely with Mr. Vattimo. Chair Griffo stated that the fall zone diagram is a scary thing to imagine, but that it must be looked at.

Chair Griffo stated that if the public did not mind, he would offer the floor to James Walker first. The public did not mind.

Mr. Walker stated that he lives at 93 Center; he is able to see the field/park out his back door including the lights on the tennis courts. He continued by stating that he is not opposed to Little League, as his wife and he have watched over the years the area grow from a swamp to a very quaint village area. He stated that he loves to see the children come that play T-Ball, noting that sometimes their helmets are closer to the ground than they are. (The crowd laughed.) He has stated that he has loved to watch these children who play Little League grow, however as a musician he would have liked to hear the national anthem sang a little better. (Again the crowd laughed.)

He stated that as he speaks in opposition he is speaking for a group of 71 people who all live around the park. He stated that the group is not opposed to Little League or the lighted field, but believe the problem is the park itself. He stated that the park has a limited number of parking spots and that the current format of the park in regards to the depot, playground, basketball court, baseball fields and tennis courts allow for multi-functional events at that park, but by adding the second fence and another baseball field, this now limits play of soccer, field hockey and kite flying.

Mr. Walker stated that he was dismayed to see this permanent fence erected. He stated that as he understands it he wonders if Little League really had authority/approval to put this permanent fence up. Mr. Walker stated that the power point presentation did not show the poles/lights, as they will look on the field. Mr. Walker stated that he took a photo of the park the field and then superimposed actual standard Little League lights on to the photo, which he walked around the room. Mr. Walker commented that these lights will intrude the area and that they will only be used for approximately 3 months of the year.

At this time, Mr. Walker read from the petition.

We, the undersigned, live in the area of Highland Park in Geneseo. We are opposed to the proposal being considered by the Village of Geneseo Planning Board that would allow Geneseo Little League to install four 60' steel lighting poles, along with 26 lighting instruments in Highland Park for the express purpose of allowing nighttime Little League baseball.

We have signed this petition for one or more of the following reasons:

1. *We object to the conversion of a large area of Highland Park to domination by a single interest group. The recent addition of a second outfield fence has severely limited the park's historical multiuse recreational intent.*
2. *We question the need for evening baseball. Little League has existed as a daytime and early evening sport quite successfully here in Geneseo for many years.*
3. *Adding lighting of the level necessary to safely play baseball at night will destroy the relative tranquility and natural surroundings of this charming, small village park that we as homeowners have long enjoyed.*
4. *The poles themselves, with the crosspieces and cross-bracing necessary to support six or seven lights on each pole, will be eyesores, visible well above the tree line surrounding Highland Park.*
5. *The light from the poles will inevitably spill over into the surrounding community. Neighbors who live on the periphery of the park will have to put up with this unpleasant glaring artificial daylight until 10PM on game nights.*
6. *Increased baseball activity throughout the evening will bring attendant increases in traffic and noise until at least 10PM to an area already overburdened with traffic, parking and noise on game days.*
7. *Highland Park was developed to provide a local recreational area for all village residents. We strongly urge that the park's multi-purpose history be retained in the interests of the great majority of Geneseo's population.*

Mr. Walker noted that the proposed candlepower would use at least 84,000 watts of power. He continued by stating that all one has to do is take a look from a distance at the Mobil station on 20A or go up to Henrietta on Route 15 to the Little League field to see what damage this kind of lighting does to a neighborhood.

He stated that the petitioners are also troubled by the thought that huge amounts of electricity will be expended for the benefit of very few persons. He noted that currently, the United States ranks as the most wasteful nation on earth.

Mr. Walker noted that with increased baseball activity at the park, there will be literally 100's of cars parked within the parks parking lot, but also along Highland Road and Oak Street and that with these many cars and it being dark with young children in the vicinity could be a safety hazard, which could be avoided by only having daylight games.

Mr. Walker ended by stating that he believes that the restrictive fencing be removed as soon as possible.

Chair Griffo reminded the public that any comments or questions should be directed to the Board.

Scott Cannon stated that he did not plan on talking tonight, but wants to say that he disagrees with Mr. Walker, but respect his comments. He continued by explaining what baseball means to this community, he has three boys that play Little League, what a great program Little League is and what an asset the park.

He explained that as a child he also played Little League and was hit in the face with a pitch, however, it was a magical thing for him to play under lights and a great part of being a kid is to be able to play under lights. Mr. Cannon stated that he believes that it would have been one of Mr. Walker's highlights as a child to play under lights. Mr. Cannon stated that yes; the park is in Mr.

Walker's backyard, but that if it were in his backyard, he would be in favor of the proposal even if he did not have children in the program. He ended by stating that he believes it would be a fantastic opportunity to play under lights.

John Ludlow stated that currently if games do run into the night no matter what time they start and at this point the umpire (a Dad) has to call the game because it is not safe enough for the kids to play and if the game is allowed to be played after dark that would be considered a safety hazard. Mr. Ludlow believes that lights would fix/elevate this problem and then there would be no animosity between teams. Mr. Ludlow ended by stating that if this were in his backyard it would be okay with him.

Sean Ledwith, President of Little League stated he has been doing this now for nine years going into his tenth. He stated that when he first started out, 150 youth participated and now that number is up to between 290 and 300. He stated that they need the space and that lights are going to give these kids a thrill. He stated that currently he has five children in Little League in different age levels and that he is doing this for the all kids, not just his.

Duane Messerschmidt stated that he has lived in the Village for 6 years and the last 3 years he has been a coach in Little League. He stated that he respects the opinions, but wanted to point out that with only three games being able to be played at once, there is a lot of congestion that happens at the park because the games have to be condensed. He believes that lights would ease this situation. He ended by stating that as a child he also played Little League and that, as a little boy playing under the lights was a privilege.

At this time Chair Griffo asked to hear any new concerns, new opposition or new reasons as to why one is in favor of the proposal.

Dan Dimpfl stated that he resides on Highland Road across from Highland Park. He loves the park, he loves the kids in the park and has had the privilege of children going through the Little League program. However, he stated that he is not in favor of the proposal.

He noted that in the August 6th Village Board minutes Mr. Ledwith indicated that the new fence would have to be permanent based on Little League standards, but that the Board was interested in a removable fence. Mr. Dimpfl continued by stating that the Village Board on August 6th gave Little League conceptual support of the project and asked that the proposal be brought to the Planning Board for their review.

Mr. Dimpfl noted that on November 5th the Village Board again asked if the fence would be removable and again the response was that the Board hoped the Planning Board would also be looking into this matter as part of their review.

However, Mr. Dimpfl continued, on October 24th, Little League representatives met with the Planning Board and explained to the Planning Board that the Village Board had agreed to their proposal. However, the fence has been erected and looks very permanent. Mr. Dimpfl stated that it appears at this time that Little League is asking for forgiveness not approval.

Mr. Dimpfl stated that he believes that parking is another issue. He and his wife do not mind having vehicles parked on Highland Road a couple Saturdays a year instead of seeing a new parking lot built.

Mr. Dimpfl continued by stating that he, Kathy Booth (Youth Recreation Director) and Dick & Vernice Platt were on a committee to come up with ideas of what they would like to see in the former DPW building. Mr. Dimpfl explained that of those reports that were presented to the Village Board, the area of the former DPW building should not be used for parking lots or more fields. They recommended trees, gardens and a pedestrian friendly entrance. Mr. Dimpfl stated that he is concerned because he feels that this area is believed to be free for the use of parking, but that it isn't.

Mr. Dimpfl stated that he knows how lights would be fun for the kids to play under, however, the height of the poles is a concern to him and he believes they would alter the natural feel of the park. He believes that Little League seems to be healthy and viable without the addition of lights. He wondered if the lights would be necessary if they were only going to be used a handful of times.

Mr. Dimpfl continued by stating that this park is more than a Little League Park, it is a community park. He stated that the new fence does not allow for soccer or field hockey. This park is a gem of the Village and that it might need more land to the north as the parks usage has expanded. Mr. Dimpfl ended by stating that he is glad that Little League is so healthy and viable.

Tom Lynch stated that he resides at 95 Center Street and is not in favor of the project. He continued by stating that he is in favor of progress and of Little League, but that it looks like Little League is totally taking the park over.

Tom Lenard stated that he resides at 18 Westview Crescent, he stated that he was on a Planning Board in Ellenville, New York and wondered if there were some type of temporary lighting that could be used. He believes that it is very easy to have light fixtures brought in on a temporary basis.

Stewart Leffler stated that he resides on Rorbach Lane and that he appreciates that the children have somewhere to play. He stated that he wonders if Little League has looked into other alternatives, such as the new stadium that will be built on the SUNY Geneseo campus. He ended by stating that he agrees that it would be unique to have lights and that it would be thrilling to play under lights.

Carolyn Meisel asked if there were other alternatives and wondered if this was the only place Little League could play.

Sid Bosch commented by stating that he does not see where else Little League could be played. He noted that Fridays and Saturdays are very important days at the college and that there would be conflicts at the High School. He stated that Little League does do a tremendous job. He wonders if there is other green space in town that could be used by Little League or if they are constrained to Highland Park, but also suggested that those other things (field hockey, soccer, kite flying) could be done at those other places. However, he believes that there is still plenty of room left at Highland Park. He ended by stating that he understands beginning players have to cut games shorts and that lighting will extend the ability to play and would be much more enjoyable.

Mr. Walker asked when does Little League start. Mr. Ledwith stated that Little League play starts the last Saturday in April with play during the week, but believes that during the week during the school year they would not be using the lights as he along with all other parents want our kids home. Mr. Walker noted that the college is out by the end of May.

At this time, Chair Griffo noted that the Planning Board would accept written comments until the 23rd of this month.

Liz Porter stated that she was an early mother of Little League that supports Little League, but is opposed to the lights. She continued by stating that she has just learned that there is a law in Geneseo that states no structural buildings shall be over three stories or 30 feet. She wondered if the height of the poles would fall under this law. She stated that she lives on Center Street, just below the crest of the hill and she knows that she will be able to see the lights, noting that she can see the lights at the Geneseo Central School eight miles away.

She stated that she is interested enough in the growth of Little League that she would be willing to serve on a committee to help find other public space for a Little League complex. She asked that the Board review the historic quality of the park. She ended by noting that the Village Board is working very hard to obtain a small cities grant, which could impact all of the parks in the Village, including Highland Park, the Log Cabin Park and the new River Access Park.

Tom Moran stated that he is a resident of the Village of Geneseo and the County's District Attorney, he noted that his business is to prosecute people, if these kids are playing ball, then he is not seeing them. He commented that he believes that the comments against the proposal are not really against Little League, but maybe this park is too small. He asked the community to support Little League.

Gregg Hartvigson stated that he feels that the fence that went in is permanent and wonders how this will impact the summer recreation program that takes place at that park. He stated that he is concerned about vague terminology being used:

“primarily Friday and Saturday nights”, he would like this narrowed down. He stated that he does have two children in Little League and that as a parent he does not feel that any child should be playing ball until 10PM.

Mary Beck stated that she want to know the cost, who is paying for the lights, installation, electricity, etc... Mr. Ledwith noted that the lighting is being paid for through fundraising and a sponsor. Chair Griffo stated that the way he understand it the electricity would be paid for by the Village.

Virginia Brougham stated she resides on Stuyvesant Manor and that the lights will be located behind her property. She continued by stating that the park is small and now there is this maze of fences that cannot be removed. She wanted to go on record by stating that she is opposed to the proposal and that she does not think that the Little League representatives thought about the neighbors and the homes around the park. She noted that they play without lights now without any difficulty, and that it would be a “thrill” to play under lights seems “taboo” to her. She ended by stating that Volunteer Road would be an ideal place for this.

Bob Brougham added that their property is the closest to where the lights will be erected, 200’ and Mr. Walker’s property is 400’ away. He wondered if there was an exclusive baseball field elsewhere with lights that they could play at as it does not make sense to him to install lights that will only be used approximately twice a week.

Bill Kiehl stated on behalf of Little League he is in support of this project and understand that not everyone will be pleased. He noted that other events happen around the Village such as the Summer Festival concert and fireworks that don’t seem to bother anyone. He believes that comparing these proposed lights to the Wal*Mart lights is not true. He asks that the Planning Board give consideration to this project, to the approximately 275 participants, their parents and grandparents.

Tom LaGrou stated that he is in total favor of the lights.

Diony Young read the following letter into the record:

My name is Diony Young, and I have been a resident of the Village of Geneseo for 42 years. I live at 31 Stuyvesant Manor, and for 28 years I lived at 43 Oak Street, both homes within 125 yard of Highland Park. First my children and now my grandchildren have used and enjoyed playing in the Park.

I personally have had a close involvement with Highland Park, beginning when it was first improved from a swampy wetland in the 1970’s. I want to give you some history behind why I signed the petition in opposition to the proposed installation of permanent lighting fixtures and a chain-link fence for the Geneseo Little League.

After the park was drained and the land became more usable by the public, I helped organize the first, mostly donated playground equipment, including a large sandbox in the bed of a truck and an old fire engine, and later swings, a metal climbing frame, and an old-fashioned merry-go-round.

Then I, as a founding member of the Genesee Valley Environmental Association, and Jeanette McClellan of the Geneseo Garden Club, joined forces, resources and planning and rescued the Railroad Depot from demolition. We arranged with the Village for the depot to be moved on a flatbed truck from its long-time home by the railroad on lower Court Street, and relocated at the Park. Today it is a multi-purpose community building, used and enjoyed by many local individuals and groups throughout the year.

From 1974-1978 I was chairperson of the Geneseo Youth Recreation Commission, established by the Geneseo Village Board, which organized and was responsible for children’s summer recreation program held every year in Highland Park. The well-attended program made good use of the Park facilities and resources, and included different outdoor sports and indoor craft activities.

The Geneseo Village Board, recognizing the assets of this special little Park in the heart of the village, allocated more funds as the Park steadily grew in popularity. A picnic shelter and tennis courts were added, more sophisticated play equipment replaced old, and the Park became increasingly used by multiple groups and individuals for many different sports and games, carrying out the multi-use recreation intent of the Village.

I strongly believe that the addition of any permanent chain link fences, plus the proposed installation of four permanent 60-foot lighting fixtures way above the tree height and more than twice the height of the tennis court light fixtures, will serve the recreation needs of only one private special interest group. Indeed, not only will fewer sports and people be able to use the field, since it is currently and permanently fenced off, but also the additional increase in noise, night lights, crowds, traffic, and parking on game nights will disturb neighbors and destroy the present character and charm of Highland Park, which should be preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone in Geneseo.

Barbara Walker asked who would be paying for electricity, noting that electricity for these types of fixtures are very expensive. She believes that the Board should think about the future in regards to maintenance and repairs to these fixtures and poles. She believes that in many small towns Little League organizations have gone bankrupt.

Brigid Cotton stated that she resides on Stuyvesant Manor and is concerned about the height of the fixtures. She asked what the reason was for a sixty-foot pole versus a fifty-foot pole as seen in one of the power point slides. Mr. Vattimo stated that Little League Standards dictate the height of sixty feet and the fifty-foot mark shown on the slide was the tree line height.

Engineer DeHollander stated that he has researched what Little League standards are and that if those standards are not met, there is a possibility of insurance complications.

Peter Dulmage stated that he resides on Stuyvesant Manor, but did live on Highland Road next to the park entrance prior to that for a total of 18 years.

Mr. Dulmage stated that he and his wife have submitted a letter to the Planning Board in opposition of the lights but now wonders if the light fixtures meet zoning code requirements and he also asked what the next step was and asked how the usage of the park is determined. Chair Griffio stated the Planning Board would be having further discussions about this matter before giving the Village Board their determination and Chair Griffio asked Mr. Ledwith how Little League reserves the park. Mr. Ledwith explained that they reserve the fields through the Village and that the regular season of Little League ends with the school year, but then all-star play begins which ends at the end of July, with tournament play after that.

Peter Robinson stated that he as a child played Little League. He suggested that Little League look at other alternatives perhaps even their own complex.

Dana Robertson stated that she is all for Little League, but she also believes that it is rapidly growing, therefore wonders if Little League in the future might grow out of this park, which should be taken into consideration now. She stated that she would be willing to help and suggested that they look to build their own complex. She stated that she is also concerned with the regulations; she wonders if they regulate the height of the poles and the wattage of each bulb, do they also regulate bathrooms, food, or parking spaces. She commented that she wonders what other regulations Little League is going to tell Geneseo they need for Tournament play. She ended by stating that yes the new field will be used for baseball, but that she does not believe kite flying can now take place and that this park seems to be becoming a baseball park when it is a Village Park.

Sharri Anderson stated that she resides at 27 Oak Street and loves living in a small village, but she takes the concerns of her neighbors very seriously. She does see the two sides of the argument, but believes that compromise is important. She continued by stating that she does not feel respected in terms of the way the fence went up. She stated that she and her family uses the fields at the park; they

do go watch Little League (she noted that her children were not old enough to play Little League), play soccer there and fly their kites in the park. She feels as though there is not enough room for this type of play for her family at the park since the new fence was erected and that makes her feel unrespected. She ended by stating that it appears that one groups needs are superceding her own needs.

Ms. Anderson's last comments were from Aaron Steinhauer of 43 Oak Street who was not able to make it this evening. Mr. Steinhauer believes that any kind of light is bad for astronomy in general and he believes good shielding could be used.

Liz Rollins stated that she is a parent to five children. She welcomes the opportunities for her children and backs up what Mr. Moran said.

June Simms wondered how long they play, as they are little children and asked why play could not start sooner. She stated that she does not object to Little League or children but to the proposed lighting that she believes will depreciate her property.

Bob Semmel stated that he had two kids go through program, and believes that the park is empty most of the time when Little League is not in session. Therefore, does not see any problems associated with this proposal.

Jay Phillips stated that he looks at this in a different light. It is about family and community. If you have a baseball field with lights, the family and community grow. He asks that the strengths be looked at. Little League is a great draw for families and lights will only enhance that which also gives the community strength.

Mr. Phillips stated that he has seven children and fully respects the weaknesses and concerns that have been brought forward tonight, but wants everyone to know that he believes that the kids need this, noting that for some of these players, their team or parents of their teammates are the family.

Barbara Dechario stated that two speakers tonight have said that perhaps Little League is outgrowing the space at Highland Park and wonders how once permanent lighting is installed what will happen if they vacate that park. She stated that we see empty storefronts because businesses outgrew them and then eyesores that are allowed to remain eyesores such as the former car wash and gas station (near the fire hall). She stated that she supports Little League and thinks it is spectacular how they have grown. She stated that the gentlemen from Ellenville mentioned temporary lighting and believes that Little League should investigate this.

She suggests that temporary lighting be used for one year.

Sue Dimpfl stated she resides on Highland Road and she is able to see the lights in Highland Park from their second story, including the lights in the depot. She stated that she does not believe the issue is a Little League issue, but that this park is a community park and that perhaps they need their own space. She stated that she has seen a lot of people at the park and then no people at times. She commented that Little League has made this park a baseball park that has taken away the nature of what that park is, a community park. She noted that there is a lot of open land near the former skilled nursing that could possibly made into a Little League Park.

Chair Griffio asked if there were any other comments or questions, there were none. He however, noted that everyone here has been very supportive of Mr. Ledwith and Little League. (Of which the entire room applauded.) Chair Griffio stated that the Planning Board will continue to investigate this and that the public will have another opportunity to be heard. He reminded all present that the Planning Board will be taking written comments through January 23rd.

With no further discussion, S. Richardson moved to close the public hearing at 8:25PM, with second from R. Freiburger and the motion passed with ayes from M. Griffio, S. Richardson, D. Farthing and R. Freiburger.

2. Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from the December 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

S. Richardson moved to approve the minutes as amended. R. Freiburger seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from M. Griffo, S. Richardson and R. Freiburger. D. Farthing abstained, as this January meeting was her first as an official member of the Board.

3. Miscellaneous Planning Board items:

Engineer DeHollander stated that he noticed that within his packet tonight from Secretary Mack, that the Village is reviewing their zoning ordinance. He stated that when looking through the Village Code and Design Standards for the Village, there are not tools in place regarding lighting as discussed within the public hearing. Chair Griffo suggested that Engineer DeHollander contact Trustee Sandy Brennan or Trustee Bill Lofquist regarding this matter since they both serve on the Zoning Ordinance committee.

Village Attorney Reynolds stated that there has been some discussion regarding making the design criteria an appendix to the Code. Secretary Mack stated that she agrees with this, as this allows for all of the Village's regulations to be in one booklet or binder compared to two or three.

S. Richardson mentioned that there is a tax credit people can get if they have a historic property but that more needs to be done by the Village for this. Chair Griffo asked S. Richardson to prepare something for next months meeting so the whole Board could review it and he asked Secretary A. Mack to list this topic as an agenda item for that meeting.

Attorney Reynolds wanted to make the Planning Board aware that his firm will be representing the Aprile family in conjunction with a possible subdivision on Megan Drive. Attorney Reynolds stated that most of the time he does not have much to do with the Planning Board and their subdivision reviews, but wanted to make them aware.

Secretary Mack made the Planning Board aware that Swain Sports had submitted two different colored renderings for their sign and their sign grant application on file with the Board. Attorney Reynolds stated that Ken Emerson of Swain Sports did appear in front of the Village Board on Monday (Jan. 7th) for clarification but that they advised him that this was a Planning Board matter. Chair Griffo stated that this matter would be discussed at the February Planning Board meeting.

Chair Griffo asked who on the Board would like to compile some of the information gathered tonight so that it may be discussed at a later date.

S. Richardson and D. Farthing agreed to work on this. Secretary Mack stated that she would complete her minutes as soon as possible and forward them to the Board.

4. Code Enforcement Report:

December 2007	Building Permits:	7
	Zoning/Sign Permits:	0

CEO Maxwell stated that the new owners of 1 University Drive would be applying for a sign permit through his office.

CEO Maxwell reported that he has received a call from a shoe store that would like to take up approximately 6,000 square feet of the Nexgen Properties building. Regarding the Nexgen building, Chair Griffo stated that he thought before a building permit was issued the Planning Board would have an opportunity to review the actual colors of the building as stated in item number six of the Planning Board's resolution to approve: *"That the Planning Board have approval authority at the time of building permit approval for final material color selection."* Attorney Reynolds agreed with Chair

Griffo. Chair Griffo asked what the next step would be if they started work before complying with that stipulation. Attorney Reynolds stated that he believes a STOP WORK ORDER would have to be issued by the Code Enforcement Office.

Some discussion took place as to when Chair Griffo needs to sign a building permit. CEO Maxwell stated that he is only allowed to issue building permits for one and two family homes. Attorney Reynolds stated that then everything else has always reverted to the Planning Board Chair to sign whether or not what the application is for has gone before the Planning Board.

CEO Maxwell noted that variances were granted last evening at the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Carman property on Highland Road and for a monument sign for AutoZone.

CEO Maxwell stated that he has issued a certificate of occupancy for Applebee's. At this time, they are getting their employees familiar with the restaurant and are doing some test runs.

6. Meeting Closed:

D. Farthing moved to close the meeting at 9:20PM. S. Richardson seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from M. Griffo, R. Freiburger, D. Farthing and S. Richardson.

Aprile S. Mack, Secretary