

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Planning Board meeting held on Thursday, January 2, 2023 at the Town of Sennett Office Building.

Members:

Pat Leamy, Chairman
Richard "Dick" Phillips
Jerry Sankey
Mike Case

Absent: Dominic Giacona-Attorney; Board Members-Mike Szozda, Mary Major

Pat opens at 7 pm with the Pledge. Pat asks for a motion to approve the minutes from January 2023 and the revised minutes from November 2022. Dick makes a motion, Jerry seconds, all ayes. Minutes approved.

The board reviews the site plan for the proposed subdivision at the Auburn Plaza to separate the 1 acre that Witmer's Country Market (now closed) is located on. An easement was added since last month's meeting. Jon Hinman reviewed the plans and addressed 3 points with the applicant's engineer. Jon approves of the easement. Pat also states that Dominic told Pat he approves of the easement.

One concern that Dick mentions is the setback isn't far enough and the board has previously been strict on other applicants over this in the past—something to consider. The biggest concern Dick brings up, and the other members agree, is the lack of drainage displayed on the map. The board cannot tell where the water run-off goes to. The map doesn't show any topography lines for the board to assume the natural run-off of water. Dick wishes the large map was given to the members sooner to analyze and point this out to the applicant prior to the meeting. Mike is able to see catch basins on the map but can't tell where they lead. Board members can't remember significant flooding in this lot in the past but want to avoid any problems by asking questions about drainage. The board also wants to address any question of drainage easements prior to approving the subdivision. Another concern about subdivided lots sharing a drainage plan is that owners could potentially fight and place blame over pollution, flooding, etc. The board wants to make sure they address these concerns and ask questions before voting on the subdivision. They are going to table the vote this month.

Pat issues a training reminder to board members. He also tells members about trainings that could be offered by Cayuga County. He shares that he will send a list of trainings he received from Kari Terwilliger, AICP; Senior Planner, Cayuga County.

Mike makes a motion to adjourn, Jerry seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Driscoll, Planning Board Clerk