

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Planning Board meeting held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the Town of Sennett Office Building.

Members:

Pat Leamy, Chairman

Jerry Sankey

Mary Major

Dick Phillips

Dominic Giacona-Board Attorney

Absent: Mike Case, Mike Szozda

Pat calls the meeting to order at 7:04. He introduced the board for 2023 and shared that he is the current Chairman following the resignation of Jeremy Bacon. The board can vote with 4 members. Pat must still be sworn in as Chairman but can vote as a member.

Pat asks the board members to review the minutes from the last meeting in November 2022. Dick raises the point that there is a typo in the minutes that gives an incorrect measurement of prospective retailers that discuss coming to the area. The size should read "an excess of 100,000 ft²." Heather will make the correction and resend the November 2022 minutes to Kate to be filed. With the above-stated appeal, Dick motions to approve the minutes, Jerry seconds, all ayes.

On the agenda for tonight is the review of a subdivision at the Grant Ave. Plaza where Witmer's Country Market was located. Dominic reviewed with the board that a lot was subdivided in the same plaza about a year ago to separate the old Moran, Moran and Dauphin building that is now Sennett Still and Barrel. The easement for that project needs to be found in the documents for the board to review. Jeremy is present over audio and tells the board there are drawings online and full-size copies were sent in and are in Kate's office. Jon already prepared the SEQR. Dominic needs to meet with the other attorney but Jeremy and Jon worked out the details already. The easement should be easy since it was done in the past. The board will look at the map and come up with any questions for the next meeting.

Jerry asked if there were going to be any changes to the exterior of the building. Dom says it doesn't seem like there will be at this point but they will come forward as needed. Dick asked if there will be a change of use. Dominic says that for now they are merely requesting a subdivision, the owner is the applicant.

Pat acknowledges to the board that Dominic Giacona was appointed by the Town Board to be the attorney for the Planning Board for 2023 and the MRB group was appointed as the Engineering Firm once again for 2023. Dick mentions that he thought there was a statute in place to allow the Planning Board the authority to select their own attorney and engineer. Jeremy speaks over audio that this has been discussed in the past and that it is the privilege of the Chairman to recommend an attorney and engineer and the Town Board appoints them at their annual organizational meeting. Heather re-read the minutes from the January 2022 meeting that followed the same process—the Town Board appointed them at the recommendation of the Chairman.

Jerry makes a motion to adjourn, Mary seconds, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Driscoll, Planning Board Clerk