

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Owego Planning Board was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Owego Town Hall, 2354 State Route 434 Apalachin, New York.

Present: Chairman Robert Rieg, Craig Wademan, Lisa Baileys, Lynne Esquivel, James Tofte and David Marsh

Absent: Leah Hammond

Chairman Rieg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Craig Wademan made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting as written. David Marsh seconded the motion. Ms. Baileys, Ms. Esquivel, Mr. Tofte and Mr. Marsh all voted in favor. Chairman Rieg abstained due to not being present for the meeting.

Chairman Rieg introduced Appeal No. 2111, a request for a Special Use Permit to have a camp on a vacant parcel on Marshland Road, submitted by Joshua Hartjen. Leanna Hartjen, the applicant's wife, was present for the meeting.

Chairman Rieg asked for a brief overview of what they would like to do on the land. Mrs. Hartjen explained that they purchased the property from Waterman's and plan to have their camper on site for the summer months. Mrs. Hartjen stated they have cleared brush and debris, and she has recently planted fruit trees. Mrs. Hartjen further explained there are ATV trails that are accessible and her family uses them as well.

Mr. Tofte asked if the camper was licensed and registered. Mrs. Hartjen stated she would have to check with the applicant, but would have a copy for the Planning & Zoning office to put on file.

Mr. Marsh asked if there was a well and septic on site. Mrs. Hartjen stated there was not, it would be self-contained. Mrs. Hartjen stated they would transport water from their home, and will empty the septic before leaving.

Mr. Wademan discussed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policy, that the camper can only be there for one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive days, or must be road ready. Mrs. Hartjen stated they will only leave the camper there for the 180 consecutive days, they will store it at their home.

Chairman Rieg made a motion to approve a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the following contingencies:

- (1) The applicant provides proof of registration and license to the Planning and Zoning office
- (2) The applicant follows FEMA guidelines of leaving the camper for 180 consecutive days, or being road ready and compliant.

Mr. Tofte seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Rieg then introduced Appeal No. 2113, a request for a Special Use Permit to have a camp at 627 Miller Beach Road, submitted by Tena Pierce and Lisa Sherwood, both were present.

Chairman Rieg stated he had seen the campers at the location previously, and questioned why they were now going before the Board for a permit. Ms. Pierce explained they had been working with the Code Enforcement officer from the Town, and this was the final step.

Mr. Tofte asked if the campers at the site were temporary or fixed structures. Ms. Pierce explained the one she owns is a park model, but can be moved if needed, and she has already made prior arrangements with a local towing company, in the event an emergency arises. Mr. Tofte asked if the park model camper is considered temporary installation. Ms. Pierce stated no, she winterizes the camper and leaves it on site for the winter months, due to not having anywhere else to store it.

Chairman Rieg asked if there was a well or septic on site. Ms. Pierce stated there is a well, and a septic which is below grade. Chairman Rieg noted the parcel is next to Hickories Park. Ms. Pierce confirmed it was.

Mr. Tofte questioned if there were any other structures on the site. Ms. Pierce stated there was a portable shed that can also be moved if needed.

Ms. Esquivel made a motion to recommend approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the following contingencies:

- (1) The applicants provide proof of registration and license to the Planning and Zoning office
- (2) The applicant follows FEMA guidelines of leaving the camper for 180 consecutive days or being road ready and compliant.

Chairman Rieg seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teddi Card  
Secretary, Planning Board