

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Owego Planning Board was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the Owego Town Hall, 2354 State Route 434 Apalachin, New York.

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

Absent: Leah Hammond

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator Joann Lindstrom, Town Attorney Irene Graven

Chairman Rieg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Lisa Baileys made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2021 meeting as written. James Tofte seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Lynne Esquivel entered the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Chairman Rieg introduced Town Board Special Permit #2-2021 for a Canine Sports Facility located at 1385 Frank Hyde Road, submitted by Karen Cole and Norma McFadden, who were both present.

Chairman Rieg gave an overview from when the proposal was last heard at the July 27, 2021 Planning Board Meeting. He noted the recommendation process, and how it will officially be the Town Board's decision to approve or deny. Chairman Rieg stated that site plan reviews do not require a public hearing and he would not be opening the discussion to the public.

Chairman Rieg then opened the review to the Planning Board for questions.

Mr. Wademan referenced the questionnaire and site survey provided by the applicants. He questioned how the applicants got to a number of 43 parking spaces. Mr. Wademan questioned the designated handicapped spaces, and how the applicants planned for contestants to access them. Ms. Cole stated based on the surveyors calculations and given the area the parking would need to be, that was the maximum number of parking spaces they could put in that spot. Mr. Tofte noted that the handicapped spaces needed to be at minimum eight (8) feet wide.

Mr. Wademan asked about an access road for emergency vehicles. Ms. Cole stated because it is a large open field, any emergency vehicle would have access. Mr. Wademan stated this needs to be noted on the site plan. Mr. Wademan asked where the placement of the Porta-Johns would be and how many the applicants plan to have on site. Ms. McFadden answered the Porta-Johns would be located along the hedge row, and the number of Porta-Johns would be a minimum of eight (8), more if needed.

Mr. Wademan questioned the location of the pool to be used for dock diving. Ms. McFadden stated the pool would be on the back side of the property, so it was out of sight of the neighbors. Ms. McFadden also noted the pool is temporary and would come down at the end of the seasonal events.

Mr. Wademan questioned the use of a paddock area. Ms. Cole stated there will not be a paddock area, the dogs will be held in crates. Chairman Rieg asked where the crates will be stored, as to not be in the way of traffic flow. Ms. Cole stated the crates will be wherever the event the dog is participating in.

Chairman Rieg asked how the rules of the events are enforced. Ms. Cole stated the facility hosting the events enforces the rules, as well as having them listed on the entry form.

Mr. Wademan questioned if staff would be available to answering questions, or way finding signage. Ms. Cole answered it is the owner's responsibility to check themselves and their dog in and get to their event on time.

Ms. Baileys asked if the applicants were hosting the events, or having land available for use for an outside vendor. Ms. Cole stated they themselves will not be hosting the events, it is their land available for use for outside agencies and clubs.

There was much discussion on the site plan and the location of events and structural items. It was determined at this time to table the proposal until the next meeting.

Mr. Wademan made a motion to table the site plan review until the next meeting with the following additions to the site plan:

1. Applicant shows an accessible handicap route on the site plan
2. Applicant shows location of the Porta-Johns on the site plan
3. Applicant shows location of any storage sheds on the site plan
4. Applicant shows a clear emergency traffic lane on the site plan
5. Applicant shows location of RV/overflow parking area on the site plan
6. Applicant shows the designated Lure coursing area on the site plan
7. Applicant shows the general location of vendor area/food trucks on the site plan
8. Applicant shows where wayfinding signage would be on the site plan
9. Applicant shows location of utilities/power source/well on the site plan

In addition, it was also recommended that the applicant return with two (2) site plans, one designated for events that will be held, and one for the training proposed to take place throughout the week.

Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary, Planning Board