

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2017

Present: Zach Collister, James Allen, Brock Davey, Matthew Feldman, Dominic Balassone, Vicky Polka

Absent: Jerry Wolfgang

Zach motioned to table approval of August minutes due to minutes not being available for review at the time. Matthew seconded and motion carried.

Brock made a motion for a negative declaration on the EAF of Posa's one lot subdivision on Ransomville Road. Vicky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Richard Haight, a representative for Kelly Lauber presented the EAF for a one lot subdivision on behalf of owner Kelley Lauber on Ridge Rd. Brock questions #8 on the EAF in terms of whether the properties historical significance would be affected if the lot was subdivided. Zach made a motion for a negative declaration pending a letter from NYS stating the historical integrity of the property was not affected. Brock seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No representative was present for the Metger Engineers for the Bri-Estates 119 lot subdivision in the Town of Niagara. The following residents were present: Robert Posa 716-417-3637 4224 Ransomville Rd, Robert Butski 716-297-9307 4840 Miller Rd, Rick Sirianni (brought pictures of the flooding) 716-628-6357 4855 Miller Rd, Fran Rosati 716-297-1185 7500 Colonial Dr, Jane Torrey 716-807-5142 7320 Colonial Dr, Joe Dimino 716-283-2018 5099 Bronson Dr.

Commission as a whole noted that the Town Engineer, Supervisor, representative from Metger needs to be present for the meeting. We also requested a fire report and storm water drainage report. It was noted that the Town of Niagara Planning Board tabled the approval of the Bri-Estates in March and requested the latest plan from the engineers.

A Town of Niagara Councilman present stated the project owners were requesting a lot of waivers to Niagara's Town zoning laws and presented photos of Miller Rd flooding already. Butski voiced concerns of a lack of a traffic study. Commissioner Davey suggested requesting a hydrological study for the flow of water over land. Brock made a motion to table the Town of Lewiston's approval of the project based on the preview of meeting and questions in the Town of Niagara in addition to a hydrological study and a report on how the Town of Lewiston will protect itself from not having to pay/bailout the developer's water mistakes. Vicky seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Richard Reis from Fitanti Architects representing the Bri-Estate project owners came late not knowing the meeting was moved from 7:00PM to 6:00PM. He was advised we already table the project. Brock made a motion to pull the previous motion of tabling the project and Zach seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jim asked Richard about water volume vs. rate and Richard stated that no more water would be added into the current system. Brock mentioned all the previous discussed concerns. Brock made a motion to re-table the project and Vicky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

October 10th at 7:00PM is the next meeting.

Brock made a motion to adjourn and Vicky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Amended Dec 12th – Brock mention the minutes were missing the following after Richard Reiss arrived: In addition to the hydrological study mentioned above, Brock had mentioned concerns about current flooding and how it would affect the Town of Lewiston. Seeing as they are going to be raising the ground elevation for the new subdivision, Brock was concerned about the topography change, that is may cause water or flooding problems for the properties below the new elevation in both the Town of Niagara and Lewiston. This was expressed to Richard Reiss, the engineer for the developer.