

**Minutes of the Parish Town & Village Planning Board
And Conservation Advisory Council
Parish Village Gym
August 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call was called:

Present:	Bill Scriber, Chairman	Kevin Dwyer
	Paul Gage	Paul Baxter
	Jennifer Reeher - excused	Ben McDonald
	Doug Jordan	Lynn Wood, Clerk

Minutes for July 24, 2017 meeting.

Motion to accept minutes was made by Paul Gage and second by Doug Jordan.

All in Favor.

Motion Carried.

Abstain – Kevin Dwyer

Communications

- Chairman Bill Scriber stated an email was sent to him from Jen Reeher for her report, it read: Conservation Updates for this meeting are:
 1. Hunting and trapping licenses are now on sale. The licenses run from Sept 1 through August 31. New hunters should sign up for the required safety classes as early as possible – they fill up fast. People can register for the classes on the DEC website.
 2. Upcoming hunting seasons in September: Canadian Geese and some other waterfowl September 1. Early Bear September 16. Early Bow for deer September 2 7.
 3. Free fishing day (no fishing license required) coming up September 23, statewide.
 4. A Bear Monitoring Citizen Science Project is getting started: report tracks, scat, hair and trail camera photos of bears. More info at iSeeMammals.org. The project is being run by DEC and Cornell.
- Per Bill Scriber the ZBA report has been passed around to all Board Members. Bill Scriber asked the Board for any comments, there were none.
- A letter was received by Bill Scriber from the Town Supervisor which will be discussed at the end of the meeting.
- Bill Scriber stated how there is normally no Public Comment other than that of a Public Hearing but an exception is being made as there is a lady in attendance, Diane Speziani, who would like to talk about snowmobile issues and proposed cabins. At the time there was no propose site plan but since then there is a draft tentative which is being discussed tonight for the Rice project. At this time Bill Scriber gave Diane two minutes to address the Board.

“Diane stated by thanking the Board and stated she has been a resident of the Town for 30 plus years and has some concerns on the construction of a cabin, a hotel and banquet hall in a

residential area that will alter the character of a rural neighborhood. Diane and her neighbors would like to Board to take their concerns into consideration while doing the planning. These concerns consist of:

1. Is it zoned commercial or residential? They believe it is zoned commercial in that area. For the last ten years the residents in that area have been up keeping their homes to help the area look better. It is a most densely populated area in the Town of Parish from Route 81 to Co Rt 22 up to State Route 104 down to Route 69 and is a rural residential area. The corner of Rt 26 and 22 is a dangerous corner and I have lived there for these years but those who live directly on the corner can testify better and there have been an increase to traffic including tractor trailers, school buses, fast cars from the school with student drivers, fast cars on the straight away and also four wheelers. The sight distance coming up 22 going North and hit 26 looking to the East there is a sight problem not seeing cars. The speed coming down the hill is a fast straight away and there is a concern with any vehicle traveling that area. Trailer and Campers need a wide area to swing their equipment and the roads are narrow.
2. We have no water to support a Hotel type building or cabins or banquet facility on that lot and I question the space for the size septic system needed to support this type of facility on the land without interfering with present neighbor's water supply. As far as Diane knows there are no snowmobile trails next to this lot. If they don't pick up that lot the snowmobilers will need to go up 22 or down 26 to dangerous roads. There are no shoulders wide enough to support a snowmobile much less the bikes or walking which was experienced last year. Disturbances to the idea that this would cause the residents peace and quiet is a concern and the noise level would be very loud. The exhaust pollution from the sleds, accidents that happen and they cross over the lands with no respect for the neighborhood. The Grist Mill is the only place to eat and fuel the sleds and need to ride the roads to do this. They are currently not allowed on Rt 26 as it is too narrow. We also feel that the Banquet Hall will need a liquor license with loud parties and strangers in our area. We would like to know the Town Laws will they accommodate crowds at this sight the noise ordinance go into effect at this sight, as well as behavior and I won't go into detail of what happened in Pulaski when the fisherman first started coming into their town before they had laws put into place because of the traffic. There was also an experience a few years ago with the snowmobilers parking on each side of the road at the Grist Mill on 26 where emergency vehicles could not get through.
3. There is a Motel on Rt 26 not far from us do we need another in residential area or can this be moved elsewhere. We are not against a business in the Town but we plead with you to rethink and consider these ideas when considering this site. There is a letter that was written from another concerned neighbor per Diane.

At this time Bill Scriber explained how the procedure works for site plans but are not at the sight for a Public Hearing as of yet. All those considerations are within the ordinance we take into account. The procedures were explained to Mrs. Speziani and how there will be a public hearing and those comments will be put into the site plan. Bill Scriber thanked Diane for her comments and she was informed that all adjacent properties owners will be notified of the hearing and are all welcome to attend. The Board was thanked for their time.

Reports of Committee

- Paul Baxter – Update on the Tug Hill Conference for 2018 will take place Thursday, March 29, the June date will not work at this time as they will not have the complete campus for use including parking as there is a motor cycle training course.
- Codes Officer George Bennett was in attendance and had nothing more to add to the report that was sent. George brought up the sign issue and it was explained by Bill Scriber that the report was passed to the Town, signs for the villages we finished however the Tug Hill was putting that into a format to recommend to the Town. Matt was hoping to have it available but has not yet given it to Bill Scriber. This will need to be adjourned to the next meeting.
- George Bennett stated that he had spoke with the Town Supervisor on Kennel regulations- why there is nothing on stables. George mentioned that there is an issue with people piling waste near property line and Bill stated that is a DEC issue but George would like to speed this up. Bill stated that it should be asked to the Town Board on stable regulation and put on agenda and looked at it and will make a recommendation.
- George Bennett also had a comment on the tiny homes new trend. Bill Scriber stated there is a size limit and it was stated that they can be no less than 960 square feet. This was passed by the Board. The Board will review this issue.

Unfinished Business

- Bill Scriber stated that Matt Johnson was not able to finish the sign ordinance and this will be set for next month.

New Business

- John Rice proposed site plan preliminary review to discuss requirements. The Attorney explained the motel, cabins but no banquet hall at this point. Per Bill Scriber there should be two access roads but there is only one, the attorney will discuss this. Bill Scriber read over the information and is looking over map. At this time Bill explained what is needed for the site plan and who the owner is. It was explained that they would need an updated surveyor and were given a couple suggestions. Zoning needs to be updated on the map. The Board will need adjacent properties and setbacks. This information was read from the requirement list to the Attorney for Mr. Rice for the proposed site. The Attorney was given a copy of the Dollar General Plan to borrow to help with lighting, buffer zones, trees etc., designated parking and how much and what type – gravel etc., a receipt was signed stating it was borrowed and will be returned. The ingress and regress fire lanes are very important to have access. Any storage on site must be located. Any sign must be a certain size and height. The attorney had no questions at this time. Bill stated he could call or email with any questions.
- Dave Bardoun – Adam Archibee property. Adam has a home on lot #1 and also owns lot #2 located in town of Hastings, which his father-in-law will be putting a home. This is a preliminary and will be ready prior to next month's meeting. The Archibee's are in

attendance to give the big picture and be sure they know he owns the back property also. There will be a public hearing set for the September meeting and letters will need to be sent to the adjacent homeowners. A final map will be brought to the meeting. Bill Scriber asked for a motion for a resolution to hold a public hearing for the September meeting, Kevin Dwyer made the motion for the resolution for the Archibee Subdivision and was second by Doug Jordan.

All in Favor.

Motion carried.

- Minutes Discussion – A letter that was sent to Bill Scriber from the Town Supervisor on the minutes being put in a book. It was stated that all minutes should be signed by the clerk that was not possible as minutes were forwarded to all members by email, then printed which did not have a signature. Going forward, the clerks signature will be done electronically so when printed it will be signed and when put in minutes book will already be signed. A discussion continued on what will be done after the minutes are completed and emailed to the Chairman. There was a discussion on type paper used and the type of book the minutes are filed in. The clerk, Lynn Wood, explained that it isn't always possible to print the minutes from home because of printer errors etc and Doug Jordan stated that she should not be having to print from home unless she is doing a voucher and being reimbursed by the town at the end of the year which the clerk explained has been done since doing the minutes but not reimbursed. Conclusion: Minutes will be completed by Lynn Wood signed with electronic signature and sent to Bill Scriber which in turn will be sent to all members and Bill Scriber asked Kevin Dwyer to print and put in minute book. If the clerk has access to the Town Clerks office in the evening the minutes will be taken care of, if not then Kevin or Kelly could put the minutes in the book. The minutes are also found on the Town web site. It was also brought up that the clerk be compensated for the transcribing of minutes after the meeting has ended as time spent on this could take several hours depending on the issues being discussed. Bill Scriber sent an email to the Town Supervisor.
- There was also a discussion on the fact that access to the office to place any information in the mailboxes of board members etc. is not possible, or for those to have access to their mailboxes, so a suggestion was made by Lynn Wood to have some sort of mailbox installed in the entrance way with locks for all members to have access to when not able to get in the office.

Agenda

- Proposed Rice Site Plan discussion
- Archibee Subdivision – 6:30 Public Hearing

Next meeting September 25, 2017

Adjournment

Paul Gage motioned for adjournment second by Ben McDonald.
Adjourn 7:45 p.m.

All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Lynn Wood, Clerk