

Town of Allegany Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2018
Allegany Town Hall, 52 W. Main Street, Allegany NY

APPROVED

Present:

Frank R. DeFiore, Chairperson
John Sayegh
Rick Kavanagh
Joseph Chamberlain

Peter Hellier (absent)

Meeting is opened with a pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Chairman DeFiore asks Board members for any comments to the minutes of November 13, 2017. Motion to accept the minutes as written by member John Sayegh and 2nd by Rick Kavanagh. Ayes: R. Kavanagh, John Sayegh, J. Chamberlain and Chairman DeFiore.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion of the Allegheny River Public Access & Recreation Plan. Copies of the proposed "plan" was supplied to each board member. During the meeting board members reviewed the packets. Basically the "plan" is to create a multi-use recreational trail system along the Allegheny River which connects multiple towns and villages in our area. This trail will help grow opportunities to improve upon and/or create waterfront access and also promote the rarely used river corridor and hopefully also attract recreational based businesses in an effort to strengthen the adjoining/connecting local communities

Board member J. Sayegh and R. Kavanagh discussed the plan advising they felt it was well-written with just a few points needing attention such as safety of users and the possibility of working with other municipalities to ensure security.

Guest, Shane Dugan, who is a resident of the Village of Allegany and whom frequently utilizes the Allegheny River and facilities is interested in forming a not-for-profit group to handle clean-up (trash pick-up) of the waterways/access/trails. Various methods were discussed and it was ultimately decided that Mr. Dugan should appear before the County Planning Board and then the Town Boards of the municipalities joining in the project.

Further, Mr. Dugan questioned if Board Members were aware of the hazardous and/or potentially contaminated waste water that could potentially be dumped into the "headwaters" of the Allegheny River. A brief discussion was had and Mr. Dugan was referred to the Town and County Boards for additional discussions if necessary.

Motion by Chairman DeFiore that the Town of Allegany Planning Board adopt the "plan" as referenced above and a letter will be drafted by secretary for forwarding to Town

Board/Supervisor, motion 2nd by J. Chamberlain. Ayes: R. Kavanagh, J. Sayegh, J. Chamberlain and Chairman DeFiore. Carried.

Training for board members was discussed and Chairman DeFiore advised that he is in the stages of obtaining a training seminar where both Zoning and Planning Board members could attend to obtain their training hours and receive a certificate for filing. More detail to come at next meeting.

Miscellaneous: None.

Motion to adjourn meeting by R. Kavanagh and 2nd by J. Sayegh. Ayes: R. Kavanagh, J. Sayegh, J. Chamberlain and Chairman DeFiore. Carried.

Next Meeting – March 12, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Stady, Secretary to Planning Board