

**Planning Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2023**

Members Present:

Rob Deming, Chair
Jeff Crane, Member
Alison Levey, Member
Mary Kummer, Member

Village Representatives Present:

Shawn Forrester, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Craig Wadsworth, Code Enforcement Officer

Applicants/Public Present:

Andrew Follman, 112 Riverside Drive/96 Court Street
Sarah Follman, 112 Riverside Drive/96 Court Street
Mike Hodgins, Signs by John's Studio/Geneseo Diner
Randy Bebout, Bohler Engineering/McDonald's
Angel Berry, 107 Main Street/Image Empire

1. Open meeting:

Chair Deming called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. It is noted that Member Farthing is absent but there is a quorum.

2. Minutes:

The minutes from the November 16, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Member Kummer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Member Levey seconded. With no further additions, corrections, or discussion the motion passed with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey.

3. Sign Permit – 170 Main Street – Image Empire:

Angel Berry appeared to explain that she wished to change her existing projecting sign “The Bears Den” to “Empire Moon Boutique”. The new proposed sign will be a similar sign to the existing and have raised letters. Member Levey moved to approve the sign permit application for Image Empire/Empire Moon Boutique as presented. Member Kummer seconded. With no further discussion the sign permit passed for Image Empire/Empire Moon Boutique with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey.

4. Sign Permit – 4162 Lakeville Road – McDonald's:

Randy Bebout was present to explain the sign request to replace the existing drive-thru sign with two digital signs. He continued to explain that the cost to replace the existing panels was very expensive and the new digital type of sign was much more cost effective. The signs would be 33% smaller in size and would be dimmed at night and off when the restaurant was closed. It was noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals had granted a variance for two digital static, not animated signs. There was discussion regarding the new technology and using both drive through lanes.

Member Levey moved to approve the sign permit application for two digital, static, not animated signs for McDonald's as presented. Member Kummer seconded. With no further discussion the sign permit passed for McDonald's, 4162 Lakeville Road with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey.

5. Sign Permit – 112 Riverside Drive/96 Court Street – Geneseo Self Storage:

Andrew Follman was present to explain the two sign permit applications for Geneseo Self Storage's two sites. He informed the Board that the proposed sign for 112 Riverside would be on peak of the building. The sign proposed for 96 Court Street would be a freestanding sign. Both would be similar in design. CEO Wadsworth noted that both signs were within the code.

Member Kummer moved to approve the sign permit application for Geneseo Self Storage, 96 Court Street as presented. Member Levey seconded. With no further discussion the sign permit for Geneseo Self Storage, 96 Court Street passed with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey. Member Kummer moved to approve the sign permit application for Geneseo Self Storage, 112 Riverside Drive as presented. Member Levey seconded. With no further discussion the sign permit for 112 Riverside Drive passed with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey.

6. Sign Permit – 4262 Lakeville Road – Geneseo Diner:

Mike Hodgins, contractor for Signs by John's Studio, presented the sign permit application for The Geneseo Diner. He stated that the proposed sign would be on the front of the building only. There is discussion regarding how the sign would be lit and the prospect of a new restaurant.

Member Levey moved to approve the sign permit application for The Geneseo Dinner, 4262 Lakeville Road as presented. Member Crane seconded. With no further discussion the sign permit for The Geneseo Dinner passed with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer and Member Levey.

7. Code Enforcement Update:

Building Permits Issued – 7
Inspections in conjunction with open permits – 21
Building Permits closed –12
Other Permits issued – 24
Violations processed –5
Complaints – 0
Commercial building plans submitted – 0
Residential building plans submitted – 0
FOIL requests - 0

8. New/Old/Other Business:

Chair Deming shared with the Board that the Board of Trustees was considering a possible change to the Village Code regarding parking minimums/maximums.

9. Close Meeting:

Member Levey moved to close the meeting. Member Kummer seconded. With no further discussion the meeting closed at 5pm with ayes from Chair Deming, Member Crane, Member Kummer, and Member Levey.