



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Committee Room 213

May 24, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Lightfoote, Phillips, and Venuti.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Wickham.

Supervisor Guard was declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Finance Director Mary Gates, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Linda Phillips, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Recycling Center Manager Jim Snyder, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on May 3, 2021. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Director, Mary Beer, gave an update of the COVID-19 Pandemic, noting the following:

- 7328 Total cases
- 3 New cases
- 8 Currently hospitalized
- 0 New deaths

- 89 People in isolation
- 170 People in quarantined
- In the last ten days we have had less than 100 cases. This has taken us out of the CDC red zone
- The department is working small pop up clinics along with the drive through clinics

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They have a little over 50% of the liner for the final cap in place
- They hope to start laying soil over the liner this week
- Things are proceeding on schedule
- They are continuing to do cover work
- Road construction is going well
- They hope to start cell construction once the road is complete
- They will create a temporary leachate collection area once cell construction has started

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that they have had to grade a lot of the area where they have been placing the liner. This has created intermitted odors. They have also had some difficulties with truck traffic and turnaround times being up due to construction. They are working with the site and DEC to lessen these things.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Resolution*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan presented a resolution entitled, “Approval of No-Cost Time Extension Causewave Community Partners for On-Demand Consultant Services Related to Development of Public Outreach and Education Programs Necessary for Implementation of the Ontario County Solid Waste Management Plan”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the no-cost time extension contract with Causewave. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Discussion*

A video regarding recycling and the process was played during the meeting. Mr. Jim Snyder, plant manager at the Recycling center at the landfill, talked about how things in 2017 changed. This is when things stopped going to China. That pushed material domestically and the United States couldn't handle it. Our education in the U.S. needs to be better. Ontario County is good at educating their residents, but the Country as a whole has to be better educated. The reality is the price of recycling is getting better as markets come back. The demand is there

and they aren't paying as much to get rid of materials now as they used to. They don't stockpile materials at our landfill. They are sorted and sent on.

◆ *Department Update*

Ms. Sousa informed the committee that the next event coming up will be an electronic recycling event and it will be held on June 6th. They will also be holding a makeup paper shredding event on June 11th. Also, they will be opening the second round of backyard composting units. They have 200 units are available for this round.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director Tom Harvey presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors Regarding Local Administration of the Potential Finger Lakes National Heritage Area".

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the supporting of the designation of Finger Lakes National Heritage Area. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner Linda Phillips presented the following resolution entitled, "Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Carol O'Brien".

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve resolution of recognition of Carol O'Brien. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ *Discussion*

Mr. Harvey, Mr. Jensen, and Ms. Rudzinski all presented project to the committee that they would like to be included in the 2022-2027 CIP.

- i. ADA Compliance Renovations of Public Facilities
- ii. Ontario County Parks System Plan
- iii. County Security Plan - Implementation of Recommended Improvements
- iv. County Courthouse Expansion
- v. Gannett Hill (Ontario County) Master Plan Update
- vi. Grimes Glen County Park Master Plan
- vii. Ontario County Beach Park Improvements

Committee agreed to go forward with these projects as presented.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

◆ *Local Law*

County Attorney Holly Adams presented Local Law No. 3 (Intro.) of 2021 entitled, "A Local Law authorizing 12 and 13 year old License Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter"

♦ *Resolution*

County Attorney Holly Adams presented a resolution entitled, “Fixing Date and Notice for the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 3 (Intro.) of 2021”.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve fixing the date and Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3(Intro.) of 2021. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- A memo was sent out how the county is handling the new CDC and State guidance regarding masks
- The Public Health Department received notice that they are eligible for funding to do COVID testing at school
- The weekly control room calls have ending but they can still submit questions to the control room

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Venuti showed committee a class action lawsuit letter he had received. The lawsuit is regarding the odor at the landfill. The letters that were sent were addressed to resident of the address, not the legal names of people.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board