

Minutes  
Village of Orchard Park  
Planning Board  
April 2, 2024

The Village of Orchard Park Planning Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gunner Tronolone at 6:55 p.m.

Members present:

Gunner Tronolone, Chairman  
Mariely Downey  
Krista Ehlert  
Myrna Woodard

Others Present:

Christine Hanavan, Secretary  
John Gullo, Code Enforcement Officer

Chairman Gunner Tronolone stated, "If anyone appearing before this Board is related through family, financial or business relationship with any member of the Board, it is incumbent upon him to make it known under New York State Law and the Village Code of Ethics."

Moved by Myrna Woodard seconded by Gunner Tronolone to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting.

The vote on the motion being:

Krista Ehlert	Yes
Myrna Woodard	Yes
Gunner Tronolone	Yes

**The motion was carried.**

Chairman Gunner Tronolone asked if site inspections for all applications presented were made by all board members.

Mariely Downey	Yes
Krista Ehlert	Yes
Myrna Woodard	Yes
Gunner Tronolone	Yes

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**Building Permit Application**

Western New York Railway Historical Society  
100 Lee Street  
Orchard Park, NY 14127  
SBL #172.12-1-32.1

*Applicant is requesting permission for a Site Plan Review for the Orchard Park Depot located at 2 Highland Avenue SBL #172.12-1-32.1*

**Discussion: Appearance:** Jeff Sweet  
Jim Slominski

The current uses of the Depot are for the Town Rec Dept., Schools, and Library to have tours of the facility. One purpose is to educate the public regarding railroads another is to have cultural events to secure a revenue stream. It takes approximately \$6,000/Year to keep the Depot open.

Moved by Krista Ehlert, seconded by Mariely Downey to grant permission for a Site Plan Review with the primary use of the Depot as a museum and secondary accessory use as a historical and educational center for the Orchard Park Depot located at 2 Highland Avenue SBL #172.12-1-32.1

On the question:

Mariely Downey	No
Krista Ehlert	No
Myrna Woodard	No
Gunner Tronolone	No

**The motion was denied.**

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**ZBA Referral**

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SBL #172.12-1-32.1

*Applicant is requesting a variance to Municipal Code Section 225 Schedule I  
Use Controls*

*Applicant is requesting a Use Variance to be permitted to have special events.*

**Discussion: Appearance:** Jeff Sweet and Jim Slominski

Same discussion as above.

Moved by Mariely Downey, seconded by Myrna Woodard to make a positive referral to the Zoning board of Appeals for a Use Variance to be permitted for a primary use of a museum and an accessory or secondary use of a historical, educational and cultural center.

The vote on the motion being:

Mariely Downey	No
Krista Ehlert	No
Myrna Woodard	No
Gunner Tronolone	No

**The motion was denied.**

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**Other Business**

Next regular meeting is May 7, 2024.

Moved by Krista Ehlert, seconded by Myrna Woodard to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

The vote on the motion being:

Mariely Downey	Yes
Krista Ehlert	Yes
Myrna Woodard	Yes
Gunner Tronolone	Yes

**The motion was carried.**

Respectively submitted

Chairman's Approval

Christine M. Hanavan  
Secretary

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Date \_\_\_\_\_