

**VILLAGE OF GOSHEN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD
June 17, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Review Board of the Village of Goshen was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 in the Village Hall by Chair Robert McLean.

Present: Miguel Escobar
Debra Marone
Robert McLean
Raymond Tooker

Absent: Faith Frishberg

The minutes of the ERB meeting of May 13, 2008 were signed by Acting Chair Debra Marone.

Renovation of former Cataract Fire House - 90 Main Street Tax Map: 109-3-7

The ERB made the following observations and recommendations:

- The first floor has a front and rear entrance while the second floor has only an elevator and stairway located next to each other. If a fire was in the stairway, what would be the escape route for those on the second floor?
- Recommends a drop down stair or ladder as a fire escape for the second floor.

Duso Properties, 144 South St. & Harriman Dr. - Tax Map Designation 120-1-2 144

The only submission was a letter regarding the storm water pollution prevention plan. The ERB said it needs a site plan to review.

Disabled American Veterans, 10 Dikeman Drive Tax Map Designation 122-1-2.3

The Disabled American Veterans want to build a pavilion on an existing slab at the Dikeman fire house. They will be appearing before the PB again on June 24. EAF submitted.

- The ERB had previously reviewed the plan and has no objections.

Chhabra - Corral Court, Tax Map Designation 127-2-4

Submission of retaining wall specifications and site plan for review.

The ERB made the following observation:

- No problem with the wall itself, detail notes on plans indicate a 10' wall but plan doesn't show it going to 10' tall. As a safety measure, recommends a chain link fence on the other side to prevent kids from getting on the top of the wall.
- No objection.

Haight Cemetery Association, Corner of Sarah Wells & Main Street. Tax Map Designation: 105-1-1

The ERB made the following observations:

- There isn't sufficient information to comment. ERB would like to see elevations of the proposed building, purpose of the building, parking spaces including handicapped spaces.
- Recommends that when trees are removed, they are replaced.

GAM Property Corp. Dikeman Drive, Tax Map Designation: 122-1-5.22

The ERB made the following observations:

- No trees shown, trees should be planted around the perimeter.
- There should be an adequate buffer between the proposed building and the rear lot line.

South Side Commerce Center – Tax Map Designation 121-1-1.32 & 13-1-5.1 & 70

ERB observations:

- Not enough trees
- Too much asphalt will cause runoff problems
- Recommend building a covered two-tiered parking with roof – no plowing, protect employees, less long-term maintenance, use less asphalt, less runoff

Masada – Greenwich Avenue Tax Map Designation 111-21-10.

- No objections.

LaBaron Enterprises, W. Main and High Streets, Tax Map Designation 111-16-12

A revised site plan for parking.

The ERB made the following observations:

- One way in and out on High Street.
- Add trees on West Main Street.
- Gravel is preferred over black-top

The ERB read a letter from Susan Cleaver who expressed concern about an environmental issue of an exposed Village sewer main with possibly effluent escaping causing a strong odor. She is concerned that this will result in a bigger problem and is asking the Village Board to take action.

Miscellaneous Discussion: ERB member Debra Marone said she believes the ERB can do more for the Village than the important function of reviewing plans. She said it could also bring forward environmental issues that need to be brought to the Village’s attention. She said there are education opportunities through the County. Member Miguel Escobar said he would be interested in the additional education. There was no decision made regarding bringing forth environmental issues to the Village Board.

Ms. Marone asked if the ERB is interested in taking a position on the issue of whether or not to make Bridle Path a through road in Hambletonian Park. It would impact the Village, especially at the traffic intersection of Craigville Road and Main Street, she said. Mr. McLean said he wasn’t in favor of the ERB taking a position.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm. The next meeting of the ERB is scheduled for July 15, 2008.