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Draft Minutes  
Regulatory Programs Committee  
April 12, 2018 Agency Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 12, 2018**

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 1:45 p.m.

**Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present**

Arthur Lussi, John Ernst, Daniel Wilt, Barbara Rice, and Lynn Mahoney.

**Other Members and Designees Present**

Chairman Sherman Craig, Robert Stegemann, Bradley Austin, Chad Dawson, Karen Feldman, William Thomas, and Fred Monroe, LGRB.

**Agency Staff Present**

Terry Martino, Sarah Reynolds, Shaun LaLonde, Jennifer Hubbard, Richard Weber, Devan Korn, Ariel Lynch, Aaron Ziemann, Sarah Staab, and Alicia Purzycki.

**Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for March 2018**

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by John Ernst and was seconded by Arthur Lussi. All were in favor.

**Deputy Director Report**

Mr. Weber noted that the new applications for variances and larger scale subdivisions are now being used. Three of the seven appendices related to the variance application are also in use. Mr. Weber provided an update on the review of two ORDA projects and on a conference on Solar Energy Development.

Mr. Weber was recused for the following presentation.

**Project** P2017-0211 (Devan Korn) Adirondack Treetop Adventure-Lake Luzerne, Warren County

A new treetop adventure course tourist attraction consisting of 36 platforms and 44 obstacle features suspended from mature trees within the existing forest. The course includes one platform installed at a height of approximately 63 feet and an approximately 300-foot long zip-line. A new gravel parking lot and restroom building

with an attached open-sided picnic pavilion will be constructed on the project site to serve the new tourist attraction and existing commercial use.

Mr. Dawson asked why this project was coming before the Board for decision and not handled via the delegation authority. Ms. Reynolds responded that due to the number of public comments received, staff brought the project to the Board for review.

Ms. Feldman stated further clarification is needed for the hours of operation if they are to be included in the permit. Ms. Mahoney concurred.

Mr. Wilt noted neighbors' concerns about the character of the area although it is zoned for hamlet/commercial use. Another concern for adjoining landowners is noise. Mr. Korn stated that his experience is that the proposed activity consists of a focused task and not much noise is associated with it. He also noted that peak use times will correlate with peak traffic times in the area and will not generate an increase in noise levels within the project area. Mr. Austin referred to the Lake George zip-line project which also came before the Board. He noted that the video presentation used for the Lake George project illustrated that participant noise was barely audible. Mr. Monroe concurred and noted that the area also has tubing activities that have been on-site for several years.

Mr. Wilt called for a motion. Mr. Lussi moved the item for approval and was seconded by Ms. Rice. All were in favor.

### **Shoreline Stabilization Guidance**

Shaun LaLonde presented information on shoreline stabilization. He described the engineering considerations and various approaches to shoreline stabilization. Ranked in order of preference, the approaches include non-structural (planting/maintaining existing vegetation), bioengineering, biotechnical, and structural. It was noted that non-structural and the bioengineering methods described do not require a variance from the Agency and are the least expensive.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

The Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.