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Draft Minutes  
Regulatory Programs Committee  
August 9, 2018

**MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 9, 2018**

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 9:55 a.m.

**Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present**

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

**Other Members and Designees Present**

Acting Agency Chairwoman Karen Feldman, Robert Stegemann, Bradley Austin, Chad Dawson, William Thomas, and Fred Monroe, LGRB.

**Agency Staff Present**

Terry Martino, Sarah Reynolds, Richard Weber, Colleen Parker, Thomas Saehrig, Shaun LaLonde, Jennifer Hubbard, Ariel Lynch.

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

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

**Deputy Director Report**

Mr. Weber briefly discussed the high-profile report. He noted various solar project proposals that may be forthcoming to the Agency for review. He stated additional work will be done by the Variance Committee on the appendices to the Variance Application.

**Project** P2014-13 Lake George Riverview RV Park (Thomas Saehrig)

The project involves the expansion of a pre-existing campground on Resource Management lands from 94 sites to a total buildout of 167 sites. All sites will be designed to accommodate recreational vehicles. A bathhouse, pavilion, and game-room will be constructed. Access to the site will be off Route 9 at an existing access point, which will be modified to accommodate increased traffic. The campground expansion will be served by municipal water supply, underground utilities and community on-site wastewater treatment systems.

Mr. Saehrig discussed the jurisdictional components of the project. He reviewed the location of the project and existing conditions. He then reviewed the proposal. He noted that the stormwater basins that are proposed will improve the handling of stormwater from the site. He stated that the project will be undertaken in three phases.

Mr. Saehrig noted that one public comment letter was received regarding the proposal.

Mr. Stegemann asked about the SPDES permit from DEC. Mr. Saehrig responded that the systems in use are less than 1,000 gallons per day.

Mr. Saehrig reviewed the conditions and conclusions of law and stated the staff recommendation is for approval of the project.

Dr. Dawson asked if the 50 coniferous trees would be native plantings. Mr. Saehrig responded that it may be clear in the vegetative planting plan but he could edit the permit to state that native plantings must be used.

Mr. Wilt asked if the boulders were in place to prohibit vehicular traffic over the absorption trenches for the wastewater system. Mr. Saehrig responded affirmatively and this change was noted in the August 24 revision of the site plans.

Ms. Feldman asked if a second look at the vegetative planting plan could be taken to ensure that native plantings were proposed. Mr. Weber responded that he reviewed the vegetative plan and he believed native species were proposed. Mr. Lussi asked if the condition could be edited to include the requirement for native species to be planted. Ms. Reynolds suggested that the Finding of Fact on page 7 could be edited to reflect the use of native species for planting.

Mr. Ernst asked if the preexisting camps might be relocated. Mr. Saehrig stated that 17 of the preexisting campsites are proposed to be removed. The remainder of preexisting campsites will stay.

Dr. Dawson asked how alternatives to the current proposal were evaluated. Mr. Saehrig responded that in 2007 the original application was received by the Agency. In 2013 Mr. Saehrig was assigned the project. After speaking with the applicant/owner at that time, several sites that were proposed within the setback were eliminated. The deep hole test pits that were done on-site also dictated the number of sites that could be used. The number of sites that were originally proposed were decreased from 260 to 160.

Motion was made for approval by Mr. Lussi and was seconded by Mr. Ernst. All were in favor.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:39 a.m.