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City of Jamestown, ss:

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The regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Greg Rabb, John LaMancuso, Jeffery Nelson, Mike Laurin, Jeffery Lehman, Regina Brackman

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Chairman Rabb called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rabb: I'd like to call the meeting of the Planning Commission to order. As far as I know we only have one item on the agenda and that's with respect to the new restroom for the Jackson Taylor Park. With that, can I turn it over to you, Crystal?

Ms. Surdyk: Sure. I'm probably going to turn it over to Jeff, because Jeff actually worked much more closely with the architect on this project and is more intimately familiar with the layout and design and all of that. So, Jeff if you don't mind, if you want to fill every body in on the background.

Mr. Lehman: Sure. I assume every body received the site plan in the mail?

Mr. Nelson: It's a well-drawn document.

Mr. Lehman: I will pass it along. Essentially what we're doing, we are putting a new restroom addition on the east side of the existing concession stand at Jackson Taylor Park. Its one of the more stable ground areas, although we are going to have to put special footings on it. The idea is that this will be the day to day restroom and we'll still maintain the existing restrooms for larger events. I can answer any questions, I guess. It's pretty straightforward.

Mr. Laurin: Lafayette Street, is that a paper street right there?

Mr. Lehman: Yes. Actually Lafayette...

Chairman Rabb: That's right by the shelter isn't it?

Mr. Lehman: The portion by the shelter, if you can see the existing shelter in the bottom left corner.

Chairman Rabb: Yes, that's a real street.

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Mr. Lehman: That's a real street, right across from the Dodge dealership.

Chairman Rabb: Dave Warren is on the corner there.

Mr. Lehman: That was a street but it was abandoned many years ago. More questions? This is a CDBG project. That comes through the city. Its something that we've had on the books here for about a year and a half now.

Councilman Nelson: It doesn't say Jeff, but I assume that there's a men's room and a women's room.

Mr. Lehman: Yep, it's men's room, women's room and then a mechanical room behind it.

Councilman Nelson: Ok.

Mr. Nelson: I guess for someone who has been down there with kids while they were playing baseball and things, I'm really glad to see this happen because I can remember a couple of kids running all the way to the woods to relieve themselves and the game was stopped until they were done. Especially one time it was the pitcher so its been needed for a long, long time and I'm very happy myself. And, I've looked at the drawings and everything and I've been down to the site and I think its really great. I'm so glad it's happening.

Mr. Lehman: As many of you know, we've been trying to program more events down there and more uses so this is all part of the master plan.

Chairman Rabb: When would you expect this to be built?

Mr. Lehman: The anticipation is if we receive approval here today, we will go out to bid and receive bids later within the next month and take it to the City Council. Hopefully we can get it underway this fall. Its not a very big building.

Chairman Rabb: No. Its small.

Mr. Nelson: It would be good if it was done this fall so it could be ready for next season.

Ms. Brackman: Jeff, I have a question. So, the existing restroom, that's going to remain where its at. I'm sorry I don't have the prints in front of me so I'm just trying to.

Mr. Lehman: That will remain. We will use it for larger events.

Ms. Brackman: The remaining will stay where it's at correct?

Mr. Lehman: Correct.

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Ms. Brackman: And so, this one is going to be more or less at the corner of 10th and Lafayette?

Chairman Rabb: 11th right?

Mr. Lehman: 11th.

Chairman Rabb: Not far from the shelter.

Mr. Lehman: Right adjacent to the concession that's there right now.

Chairman Rabb: Close to the basketball courts. Anybody else have a question or a comment? I'm assuming that Jeff and Crystal, you are recommending this for approval, right?

Mr. Lehman: Yes.

Ms. Surdyk: Yep. Yes, absolutely.

Chairman Rabb: So, in this case we just need the site plan approval, not the Environmental Assessment Form?

Ms. Surdyk: There should be a short form.

Mr. Lehman: I filled one out.

Ms. Surdyk: Maybe that didn't get stuck in there. I may have to send that to you.

Chairman Rabb: Yes, I don't think I have it but we do need to approve it. Any other questions or comments? If not, could I get a motion to approve the EAF form?

Moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Laurin.

Chairman Rabb: Any other comments or questions? Any other questions please say aye? Approved. Can I get a motion to approve the site plan?

Moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Laurin.

Chairman Rabb: Any other questions or comments? If not, all in favor, please say aye? And our site plan is approved. Is there any other business to come before the commission this afternoon while we are all still together? Alright, well that was a nice fast meeting. Thank you for being here and we'll look forward to christening the restroom in our own inevitable way.

Mr. Nelson: Amen.

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Chairman Rabb: After which you will wash your hands properly for twenty minutes.

Mr. Laurin: That is great advice.

Mr. Nelson: That will be a great relief to many.

Chairman Rabb: We needed some humor. Alright, thank you very much. See you all soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. Williams City Clerk/Treasurer