

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD
March 24, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Niagara Falls Planning Board was held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 6:03 PM, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

PRESENT:

Tony Palmer
Timothy Polka
Charles MacDougall
Michael Murphy
Joyce Williams

ALSO:

Eric Cooper
James Bragg

ABSENT:

Joseph Giaguinto
Shurron Cowart

EXCUSED:

Joseph Sarkees
Robert Burns

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Polka, and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Unanimously Approved.

PUBLIC HEARING Opened at 6:05 Closed at 6:13

Kim Powell of Niagara Falls Air Force reserve,
Colonel Carl Magnusson of Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve stated that the base will continue to support local surrounding communities as well as local military members. The base supports this new Overlay Protection Zoning Plan.

John Cooper of NIMAC, stated that they are in support of this Zoning Overlay as well. In the past the Base has forced into a situation where they may have had to be closed down due to Zoning. This will protect that from happening again, it will allow local governments to work together closer in the future.

Mr. Bragg stated that the Public Hearing that was held in November 2020 was repeated this time to allow the new Planning Board Members to view and have a understanding what his Zoning change entails.

Mr. Palmer stated that since this is the second time this Public Hearing has been held, the Board can place a Vote at tonight's meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. RECOMMENDTIAON TO CITY COUNCIL: PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT:
AITPORT PROTETCION OVERLAY REGULATIONS.**

Motion to Recommend to City Council was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Polka.

POLLED VOTE

Mr. MacDougall	Yes
Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Polka	Yes

Ms. Williams	Yes
Mr. Palmer	Yes
Approved	Unanimously Approved

NEW BUSINESS

West Rivershore resident is placing aluminum roof over his deck. It does not disturb river views and he has obtained letters from the neighbors on either side of his parcel. Owner is asking to bypass the Planning Board and do a Level 1 approval as he was not aware Planning Board Approval was needed. Mr. Palmer stated that as long as it fits into the regulations for a Level 1 that he agrees the Planning Board can be Bypassed.

Mr. Bragg stated he has meeting with Administrator regarding the planting of trees for Beech Avenue Park, which Mr. Palmer will be involved of as well.

Mr. Murphy asked if someone can please review the Billboard approval and Site Plan for the Como/Airport location as the Site look terrible and conditions do not seem to have been met. Mr. Cooper stated that he would review with Mr. Bragg and Code Enforcement.

Mr. Palmer stated that on April 28th from 10-12 there is a virtual seminar that will be worth 2 credits for members continued education requirements. Mr. Palmer will email that information to Mr. Bragg to forward to all Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING REPORT:

Mr. Cooper stated he is in process of cleaning up Grants such as the Beech Avenue, Highland Park LaSalle Recreation, Revitalization, LWRP Grant, and Commercial Corridor ESD Grant. He will pass information along as he gets it handed to him .

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Polka and seconded by Mr. Murphy .The meeting was duly adjourned at 6:24 P.M.