

Economic Development & Planning Committee



AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room E - Legislative Office Building 46 East Bridge Street Oswego

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mary Ellen Chesbro, Chair	Legislator, 10 th District
Noelle Salmonsens, Vice Chair	Legislator, 21 st District
Edward Gilson	Legislator, 3 rd District
Roy Rechil	Legislator, 5 th District
Paul House	Legislator, 8 th District
Marie Schadt	Legislator, 19 th District
Paul Connolly	Legislator, 20 th District

CALL TO ORDER:

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of Minutes for the Economic Development and Planning Committee's regular meeting on July 5, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS:

- EP-1 Resolution Fixing Time and Place for Public Hearing Relative to Proposed County of Oswego Local Law NO. 5 of the Year 2023, Entitled A Local Law Establishing the County Planning Department as the Sole County Planning Agency for the Purposes of Referrals under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n
- EP-2 Resolution Determining that the Installation of Artificial Turf for Some Infields at the Legends Fields Complex Constitutes a Type II Action Under SEQRA
- EP-3 Resolution Declaring the County of Oswego as Lead Agency and Approving a Negative Declaration Legends Fields- Parking Lot Paving Project

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND DECISIONS:

- None

REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation Updates
- Promotion and Tourism Department Updates
- Planning and Community Development Department Updates
- Operation Oswego County Updates

ADJOURNMENT:

Economic Development & Planning Committee

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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room E - Legislative Office Building 46 East Bridge Street Oswego, New York 13126

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mary Ellen Chesbro, Chair	Legislator, 10 th District	Present
Noelle Salmonsens, Vice-Chair	Legislator, 21 st District	Present
Edward Gilson	Legislator, 3 rd District	Present
Paul House	Legislator, 8 th District	Present
Roy Reehil	Legislator, 5 th District	Excused
Marie Schadt	Legislator, 19 th District	Present
Paul Connolly	Legislator, 20 th District	Present

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Jim Weatherup	Marc Greco	Frank Castalia
Phil Church	Tim Stahl	Richard Mitchell
Kyle Beckman	Heather Snow	Savannah Wyckoff

CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Mary Ellen Chesbro with the Clerk of the Legislature present. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 6, 2023: Legislator House

Second: Legislator Gilson

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

The minutes for the Economic Development & Planning Committee Regular Meeting on June 6, 2023 were approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

EP-1 Resolution Approving an Amended and Restated Title VI Plan for the County of Oswego

Motion to approve: Legislator House

Second: Legislator Gilson

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

EP-2 Resolution Appointing the Director of Mobility Management as the Public Transportation Liaison

Motion to approve: Legislator Salmonsens
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

EP-3 Resolution Authorizing Budgetary Modification Department of Community Development, Office of Planning And Community Development -- Land Use Planning

Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Salmonsens
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

COMMITTEE REVIEW & DECISIONS:

- ARPA Funding Pulled
AJ Montclair Inc.,

Mitchell Printing and Mailing Inc.,

SMG-08 DBA The Palladium Times, The Valley News, Oswego Shopper, Oswego County News,

Harborfest

- ARPA Funding

Aqua Spa Float Center LLC,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Bellinger Auto Sales and service Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Chase Enterprise Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Leroi Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

N.E.T and Die,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Al-noor Hospitality and Inns (Oswego INN),
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Gilson
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

The Pressbox of Oswego Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Salmonsens
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

TCD of Oswego LLC (The Cellar Door),
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Valti Graphics,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Vonas Restaurant Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Oswego Minor Hockey Association Inc., S
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Gilson
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Safe Haven Museum and Education Center Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Salmonsens
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Redfield Snowmobile Association Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator House
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Winona Forest Recreation Inc.,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Salmonsens
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Bugow Driving School,
Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro
Second: Legislator Salmonsens

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

H Lee White Marine Museum,

Motion to approve: Legislator Chesbro

Second: Legislator House

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Dan Breitweg gave a verbal update for promotion and tourism
- Heather Snow provided update on Mobility Management
- Tim Stahl provided update on Planning and Community Development

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:41 a.m.: Legislator Chesbro

Second: Legislator Gilson

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

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Raven Ahart
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

RESOLUTION NO.

October 12, 2023

**A RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE
YEAR 2023, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY FOR
THE PURPOSES OF REFERRALS UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n**

By Legislator Chesbro:

UPON the recommendation of the Economic Development & Planning Committee of this body; be it

RESOLVED, that the Oswego County Legislature shall hold a Public Hearing on the proposed County of Oswego Local Law Number 5 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERRALS UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n" on the 9th day of November, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock, in the afternoon of said day at the Oswego County Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 46 E. Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Oswego County Legislature cause notice of such Public Hearing to be published in the Official Newspapers of the County and post the same as required by law.

RESOLUTION PASSED/FAILED, WITH A VOICE/ROLL CALL VOTE

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COUNTY OF OSWEGO
LOCAL LAW NUMBER 5 OF 2023
A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AS THE SOLE COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY
FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERRALS
UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Title.**

This local law shall be known as “A Local Law Establishing the County Planning Department as the Sole County Planning Agency for the Purposes of Referrals under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m, and 239-n.”

2. **Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose and intent of this local law is to designate and empower the Oswego County Department Community Development, Tourism and Planning (hereinafter “County Planning Department”), and any successor county planning department as the case may be, as the sole planning agency for purposes of referrals under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n. This body finds and determines that coordinated handling and review by the County Planning Department of referrals results in greater consistency across jurisdictions as well as a more expedient turn around for projects and activities requiring same.

3. **General Provisions.**

- (a) The County Planning Department of the County of Oswego shall, for the purposes of referrals under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n, be the sole county planning agency.
- (b) The County Planning Department shall enjoy, exercise and have all the powers and duties of a county planning agency under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n.

4. **Severability.**

If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this local law shall be, for any reason, held or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the validity and enforceability of the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this local law.

5. **County Planning Board.**

Notwithstanding the adoption of this local law, the Oswego County Planning Board shall continue to exist and to handle such other business as may be directed or referred by the Oswego County Legislature, and as otherwise required to come before the board, except for those matters under General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n delegated to the County Planning Agency by this enactment.

6. **Repealer.**

Local Law Number 6 of 2003 entitled "A Local Law Establishing the Planning Director as the Sole Planning Agency for the Purposes of Referrals under New York State General Municipal Law §239-m" be and is hereby **REPEALED** upon the adoption of this local law.

7. **SEQRA Determination.**

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this local law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(24), (26), and (33) of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulation (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Clerk of the County Legislature be, and is hereby, directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

6. **Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO.

October 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL
TURF FOR SOME INFIELDS AT THE LEGENDS FIELDS COMPLEX
CONSTITUTES A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA**

By Legislator Mary Ellen Chesbro:

WHEREAS, the County of Oswego is the owner of the Legends Fields complex located on Churchill Road in the City of Oswego and is appropriate to act as lead agency under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the county proposes to replace the grass infield on some fields with artificial turf (the project) which will allow baseball and softball games to resume more quickly after rain; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project does not change the present use of the complex as a location for baseball and softball games; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, Appellate Division holding in *Groarke et al. vs. Board of Education of Rockville Centre Union Free School District* found the installation of artificial turf, lighting, and bleachers, generally, qualified as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and where a proposal was clearly for a “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site” (6 NYCRR 617.5[c][2]), it is a Type II action, which does not require environmental review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the county in consultation with its planning agency has determined this project does not exceed any of the thresholds under 6 NYCRR 617.4 and constitutes the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind at the same site and will not have a significant impact on the environment,

NOW, THEREFORE, upon recommendation of the Economic Development and Planning Committee of this body, it is hereby

RESOLVED, based upon the foregoing, the County of Oswego as lead agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project to install artificial turf on some infields at the Legends Complex: (a) Pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2) the aforementioned project constitutes a Type II action as defined in the regulations The Project as it consists of the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site; and, (b) the agency hereby determines that no environmental impact statement or any other determination or procedure is required under SEQRA.

RESOLUTION PASSED/FAILED, WITH A VOICE/ROLL CALL VOTE

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



COUNTY OF OSWEGO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & PLANNING

County Office Building • 46 East Bridge Street • Oswego, NY 13126
Phone 315-349-8235 Fax 315-349-8237

TO: Oswego County Legislators
FROM: Tim Stahl, Director Community Development, Tourism & Planning
DATE: October 12, 2023
RE: SEQR Resolutions for Legends Fields Project

SUBJECT: Declare Oswego County lead agency and negative declaration for environmental impact

BACKGROUND:

Oswego County owns Legends Field, a softball complex located on Churchill Road in Oswego. In recent years, the complex has been successfully managed by a tournament promoter, increasing the property's usage and economic impact to the county and local businesses. The facility's parking lot is in need of resurfacing due to pavement failure and safety issues. The installation of turf infields on some fields will help ensure the success of the facility and will allow for tournaments to resume more quickly after it rains. As the county owns the facility and is exempt from local land use and zoning regulations in a governmental capacity, it is appropriate to for the county to act as lead agency.

Upon review of the project, the installation of turf fields qualifies as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and we will simply need to declare ourselves lead agency and the project has no environmental impact.

The county owns the parking lot and, upon review of the project, the repaving of the lot is to be deemed an Unlisted action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations having no significant adverse impact on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Simple resolution with no financial impact

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of both resolutions related to environmental review required for both the parking lot repaving project as well as the infield turf project at the county owned Legends Fields complex.

RESOLUTION NO.

October 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO AS LEAD AGENCY
AND APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION LEGENDS FIELDS -
PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT**

By Legislator Mary Ellen Chesbro:

WHEREAS, the County of Oswego is the owner of the Legends Fields complex in the City of Oswego on Churchill Road and is appropriate to act as lead agency for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the 2.44 acre +/- paved parking lot at the complex is in need of re-paving due to many years of deferred maintenance, potholes and pavement failure; and

WHEREAS, while re-paving of the parking lot (hereinafter "the project") improves safety it does not represent a significant change in the use of facility and/or the number of cars utilizing the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, upon careful analysis of this project the lead agency has considered and found that: the project is otherwise permitted the City of Oswego's zoning regulations even though the county acting in a governmental capacity is otherwise exempt from zoning and land use regulations; the project is consistent with the existing character of the area; the project will not result in a substantial increase in traffic; the project site has both public wastewater and water supplies; the project is not in proximity to any historical sites or solid waste or hazardous waste facilities; the project will not result in the impoundment of water or other liquids and will not physically alter or encroach on existing wetlands or water bodies or adjacent properties; and the project is not located in flood hazard area; and

WHEREAS, Parts 1 and 2 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form were completed by the county to determine possible environmental impacts, in addition to other research and inquiries, and it has been determined that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment resulting from the proposed project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, upon recommendation of the Economic Development and Planning Committee of this body; it is hereby,

RESOLVED the County Legislature of the County of Oswego hereby declares itself as the lead agency for purposes of SEQRA as concerns the re-paving of the parking lot at Legends Fields (the project); and be it further

RESOLVED, that, upon consultation with the county's planning agency, this project has been determined to be an Unlisted Action in accordance with the regulations

promulgated pursuant to SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body does hereby accept and adopt the annexed Short Environmental Assessment Form and the findings contained therein, as prepared by the county's planning agency, finds that the project will not result in any significant environmental impacts and hereby approves a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance as concerns the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the county's planning agency be and is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance as may be necessary in accordance with this resolution.

RESOLUTION PASSED/FAILED, WITH A VOICE/ROLL CALL VOTE

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: