

Joint Planning Board Meeting
November 28, 2023

The meeting of the Joint Planning Board of LeSauk Township and the City of Sartell was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:15 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center, Liberty Room.

PRESENT: LeSauk Township Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, City of Sartell Joint Planning Board members Ryan Fitzthum, Tim Elness, Alex Lewandowski, Recording Secretary Marlyce Plante and two interested parties.

AGENDA: RYAN FITZTHUM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY PAUL WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

APPROVAL OF 9-26-23 JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY JEFF WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 4-0. Ryan Fitzthum & Tim Elness abstained since they were not in attendance.

Waters Church Expansion Site Plan Approval – Pastor Doug Vagle and Joe Lahr presented the expansion plans to the city of Sartell Joint Planning Board members since the board of members of the township had already seen and recommended approval of the site plan.

They explained the new expansion will include a daycare center for up to 110 children, plus a new gym. The expansion will be added on to the west side of the present church and all necessary setbacks will be met. Areas of discussion were traffic flow to the church from Pinecone Road, congestion especially in the morning with drop-off time for daycare parents plus parking lot space. Ryan Fitzthum discussed the 15th St. North expansion which may allow access to the church from the north side, but that project is in the future and just in the earliest planning stages at this time. Pastor Vagle suggested the purchase of property to the south with possible access into Pinecone Regional Park, but that would be difficult. He also noted that church members are allowed to park in the grassy areas around the church if there is no parking available in the lots. Tim Elness was most concerned with the Pinecone Road, 12th St. & church entrance intersection, especially when there is daycare drop-off in the mornings.

RYAN FITZTHUM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE WATERS CHURCH EXPANSION SITE PLAN WHICH INCLUDES A DAYCARE CENTER AND NEW GYMNASIUM AND MEETS ALL NECESSARY SETBACKS, SECOND BY TIM ELNESS, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

RYAN FITZTHUM MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECOND BY DAN HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante
Joint Planning Board Recording Secretary