WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER 1300 Union Road West Seneca, NY 14224

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMITTEE Minutes #2022-01 March 21, 2022

Code Enforcement Officer Schieber called the meeting to order at 10 A.M.

Present Jeffrey Schieber Code Enforcement Officer

Robert Jeziorowski Fire Inspector

Doug Busse Code Enforcement Officer

David Johnson Town Engineer Amy Kobler Town Clerk Erik Finbar Town Assessor

Dan Bobbett Zdarsky, Sawicki, & Agostinelli LLP

Cheri Forsythe WS Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Baksa Code Enforcement Officer

Absent Margaret Bebak Planning Board Chairperson

Code Enforcement Officer Schieber stated the meeting is convened per Article IIA which requires all businesses to obtain a restricted use permit in the Industrial Park. The address is 2500 North America Drive, formerly the Certo Brothers Distribution property. Worksport Ltd wishes to acquire the property and move in with no site disturbance or building additions proposed at this time.

Mr. Bobbett, attorney for Worksport Ltd, stated the Canadian company in 2011 and has recently gone public. The company is a manufacturer of Tonneau Covers, including one with that incorporates patented solar technology, and are looking to bring their manufacturing to the United States. Worksport Ltd anticipates the immediate hiring of ten employees and by the end of three years they expect to be up to twenty employees. The business will continue to utilize the logistics company located at North America Drive and not increase traffic.

Mr. Schieber questioned if the company will manufacture the covers at this site or be a transfer hub. Mr. Bobbett stated it will be a transfer hub; they will be assembling the product.

Mr. Schreiber noted the following was submitted by the applicant: an application, letter of intent, aerial photo, short environmental assessment form, and interior layout of existing building; a property survey is on file. Mr. Schreiber stated at this time there is no indication of a proposed expansion and the parking, drainage, and lighting that exist today will remain as is and asked if any the Town Engineer Johnson had any concerns. Mr. Johnson stated he does not as there is no site work.

Mr. Schreiber directed Fire Inspector Jeziorowski to notify the fire chief for this district.

Town Assessor Finbar questioned if a PILOT was applied for. Mr. Bobbett stated they are not; they anticipate receiving benefits from the ECIDA.

Ms. Forsythe, Community Development Coordinator of the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce, stated she does not have any concerns.

Code Enforcement Officer Baksa stated with fewer employees the parking should not be a problem.

Mr. Schieber stated he expects the existing cooler will remain. Mr. Bobbett stated he believes the cooler is currently off and there are no current plans for its use.

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Mr. Schieber stated Planning Board Chairperson Margaret Bebak has reviewed the application and per correspondence with her, Ms. Bebak does not foresee objections to the application and is fully supportive of the project. As such, the Industrial Park Committee will issue a letter of recommendation to the Town Board for the issuance of a restricted use permit for Worksport Ltd. A public hearing will be scheduled at the appropriate Town Board meeting and pending approval the applicant will then be allowed to operate.

Mr. Bobbett questioned if the issuance of the restricted use permit was necessary before his client closed on the purchase of the property. Mr. Schieber stated it is not necessary in this instance due to the circumstances of the property staying as it is as opposed to a vacant piece of property. Mr. Bobbett stated Worksport Ltd anticipates forming a subsidiary company and assigning the contract to a different company that will hold title to the property and questioned if this will pose a problem. Mr. Schieber stated it would not be a problem as the restricted use permit is for an address, business name, and general work that occurs.

ADJOURNMENT

Ayes: All	Noes: None		Motion Carried	
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Code Enforcement Officer Schieber adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.