

TOWN OF BATAVIA PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 19, 2011

RE: NATHANIEL DEVELOPMENT—GARDNER ESTATES—SEQR
REVIEW

The public hearing was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Kathleen Jasinski. The notice, as published in the Batavia Daily News, was also read by the Chairman.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review the SEQR pertaining to the change in the original SEQR in regards to financing and extension of Violet Lane.

No one from Nathaniel Development was in attendance at the meeting. A message left with Town Engineer Steve Mountain stated that due to a scheduling conflict no one was available to attend tonight's meeting.

Jeff Anders of Stringham Dr. stated that he felt this project is an abuse of public funding. This project is not needed. He feels Scott Shaw is the driving force behind this development.

Lisa Shell of 8446 Violet Lane stated that low income housing is not needed. A new traffic study needs to be done. Safety is our #1 concern. This project will affect the character of the neighborhood.

Lew Henning of Batavia Housing Authority read a letter stating that the developer has applied for low income tax credits. The current project contradicts what was originally stated by the developer. There has been no agreement between the developer or the Batavia Housing Authority. The developer has misled the public and the planning board.

Andy Pedro—8460 Violet Lane stated the developer does not talk to the Batavia Housing Authority nor the Veterans Administration. The President of the company is so arrogant they cannot come to a meeting. They are still jerking around after a year.

Gordon Merrell—Clinton St. Rd.—asked who is building the road?

Rick Tepedino—8496 Stringham Dr asked what guarantee do we have the developer will not make changes after getting approval. How will the Town ensure the developer will make sure the drainage is adequate? Traffic capacity—safety of left hand turning lane. Batavia Housing Authority cannot fill their housing.

David Ball— 8464 Stringham Dr. asked would the Town do another traffic study and not take the developer's study? Isn't there a time restraint on the applicant? Why is this continuing? Town Engineer Steve Mountain stated that the Town can do another study and charge the cost back to the developer.

Rosemary Christain—City of Batavia Councilperson—Wards 1 and 6—stated she thought the Board could put a deadline on the applicant.

Bobbie Gavel—8523 Stringham Dr. asked if the questions she submitted 2 or 3 months ago will be answered?

Matthew Siezak of 5021 Terry Hills Dr. stated that they do not want this project either.

Bob Rindo of 8518 Stringham Dr. stated that we elect the Town Board and we expect you to look out for our interests. Town Board could put a stop to this project.

Supervisor Greg Post stated that he has no intentions of using any political power on the Planning Board. The developer has the right to go thru the proper procedure for approval for this project. Even though he is not in favor of the project, he feels the Planning Board is doing an excellent job in handling this application.

Elaine Harding of 8442 Stringham Dr asked when does the contract run out with Mr. Stringham?

Ron Penepent of 8524 Stringham Dr., asked if the developer will be subject to school and land tax. Also should someone contact the State Attorney General?

No further opinions and comments were expressed, the public hearing was closed at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jasinski, Chairman

Sharon White, Secretary