

**TOWN OF BATAVIA PLANNING BOARD**  
**Public Hearing, August 6, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Kathy Jasinski, Paul Marchese, Paul McCullough, Lou Paganello, Don Partridge, Jeremy Liles, Jonathan Long and Steve Tanner.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Bruce Gerould, Dan Lang, Steve Mountain, John Bennett of GCASA, Brian Quinn of the Batavia Daily News, Howard Owens of The Batavian, Sharon White and Secretary Kim McCullough.

**ABSENT:** Gordon Offhaus.

Public Hearing announcement was read regarding the application for a Special Use Permit to use an existing structure in a commercial zone for an indoor recreation facility at 5258 Clinton St. Rd. in the Town of Batavia.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M.**

**John Bennett, Executive Director of GCASA** – gave an overview and background information for a social/recreational facility for individuals who are recovering from alcohol/drug addiction. It is chronic illness and is treatable if you follow the course of treatment. One of the big struggles for people is both social and recreational activities. This facility would be for a person who is recovering and can go to a place and would not be exposed to alcohol/drugs. The person recovering needs to learn how to do recreational activities without the use of the alcohol/drugs.

Chairman Kathleen Jasinski opened the floor to the public after the overview and background were given by Mr. Bennett.

**Cheryl Netter of 5000 E. Main Street Road, Batavia** – is in support of the recovery center and she also stated there has been addiction within her own family. Addiction is not a discriminator.

**Kathy Miller of 6277 Manon Rd, Byron** – Addiction has hit her family and it is treatable. Recovery center advocate. Recovery makes them normal not abnormal and that is what they want.

**George Netter of 5000 E. Main Street Road, Batavia** – attended a recovery function at Northgate Church and was happy to see this function take place. He is in support of the recovery center.

**Jason Adams of 424 East Main Street (the Atwater House), Batavia** – this center is so needed and he is in support of it. Important for a person who is in recovery to have a place to go.

**Judith Burns of 5240 Clinton Street Rd., Batavia** – Adjoins the said property for the recreation facility. Her concern is her privacy, with the people who would be hanging around the facility as what is being done at the current location in Batavia. She has a rottweiler dog who is not mean or vicious but if she is tormented or teased, she can get that way. She understands there is a need for this place but does not want to lose her privacy. Kathy asked if she would be happy with a privacy fence and Ms. Burns said yes, she would.

**Shelly Falitico – GCASA Board Member** – active community member and volunteers a lot. She will be volunteering at the facility once it is up and running. Important for people to have a safe place to go.

**Sue Gagne – 5509 Horseshoe Lake Rd., Batavia** – She is the Coordinator of the Recovery Center and works with an advisory committee to develop the programs at GCASA. Fully in support of this facility. Her husband Neil is in support of this as well.

By a show of hands all individuals in the audience were in support of this facility.

There were no written comments submitted.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim McCullough  
Secretary

Kathleen Jasinski  
Chairman