

TOWN OF GOSHEN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
LEGOLAND PARK
JUNE 14, 2016
MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of June, 2016 at the Orange County Emergency Services Center located at 22 Wells Farm Road, Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Absent:	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
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Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Meir Borenstein greeted the crowd with a prayer followed by a moment in silence for the lives lost in the Orlando, Florida night club massacre.

Supervisor Bloomfield introduced John Ussher, the Senior Divisional Director of Legoland Development. Mr. Ussher presented a power point overview of the Legoland Company and the locations of Legoland Parks. Officials from Merlin Entertainment took turns providing details of the proposed Legoland Theme Park. Plans are to develop 153 of 523 acres on Harriman Dr. off of Route 17. The Park will have 18 theme areas and 50 attractions. [Copy of the power point presentation is on file in the Clerk's office]

At the end of the presentation, Town Board Members asked questions.

Supervisor Bloomfield referenced the water availability for the park. Legoland plans on receiving water and sewer from the Village of Goshen. The wells for Arcadia Hills will have buffers/protection in place. He suggested the possibility of a sewer line replacement from Arcadia Hills to hook into Legoland sewer line.

Councilman VanDerMolen inquired if a water park is planned for Legoland? The hotel will be built first. Mr. Ussher wasn't sure if a water park is planned for future expansion.

Councilman Lyons concerns centered on transportation to and from the park. He stated that the traffic plan presented is "woefully inadequate". The exits, especially Exit 125, needs to be looked at again. He is also concerned with using one roadway as an entrance and exit. An emergency roadway should be constructed in case the main entrance is blocked. Mr. Ussher assured him that a team of traffic engineers will address traffic flow.

He also asked questions as to the types of surrounding businesses that will benefit the park and what types of businesses will benefit from the park. Mr. Ussher named a variety of businesses, too many to list from guest accommodations to maintenance. Approximately 800 construction jobs (local help), 500 full-time jobs, 500 seasonal jobs and 300 part-time jobs are planned. A Legoland Tourist Board will promote outreach programs for the county, community, and schools.

Councilman Newbold thanked the representatives from Legoland and Merlin Entertainment for their well done presentation of Legoland Park. He was pleased that Legoland addressed many of the issues associated with the proposal.

Supervisor Bloomfield summarized the meeting by pointing out how Goshen has changed from a farming community with a railroad going through the center of the Village to the recent variety of businesses expressing a desire to become part of the Goshen community.

Representatives from Legoland will hold an open house on July 7th, at a location to be determined. There are plans for a Legoland store front in the Village to include a model of the proposed theme park.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk