

**Cattaraugus County Planning Board**  
**March 27, 2003**  
**County Center, Little Valley, NY**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Bishop, Chairman  
William Sprague, Vice Chairman  
Paul Mager, Assistant Secretary Kameron Brooks  
Charles Couture  
Robert Keis  
David Rivet

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ann Padlo, Secretary  
Tina Abrams  
Jack Berger  
Florence Fuller  
Donald Patterson  
James Rich

**PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:**

Thomas M. Livak, Director  
Terry H. Martin, Chief Planner  
David P. Paoletta, Planner  
Margaret E. Puszcz, Stenographic Secretary

**GUESTS:**

Carol Horowitz, Allegany Planning Services  
Grace Joseph, East Otto Planning Board  
Jean Jennings, Jennings Project  
Steven Hostetter, East Otto  
Alicyn M. Hostetter, East Otto  
Nancy Koebel, East Otto  
Bob Bowen, East Otto  
Gary Abraham, Allegany  
Dennis Peterson, Peterson Landscaping  
Greg Thropp, Copperidge  
Terence Lucey  
Joei Lucey  
Kathy Kellogg, Buffalo News

Chairman Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Charles Couture moved with a second from Robert Keis to approve the February 27, 2003 minutes as submitted. Carried.*

Chairman Bishop welcomed Crystal Abers, Chairwoman of the Development and Agriculture Committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Town of East Otto – Special Use Permit/Site Plan Review – Archery Range**

David Paoletta stated that at the January 30, 2003 County Planning Board meeting, the Special Use Permit/Site Plan Approval request was tabled for 30 days or until such time as an adequate Site Plan was completed and resubmitted. The applicant was asked that all outdoor target range activities be directed away from neighboring residential properties and roadways and that the site plan be modified to clearly depict this recommendation as a condition of approval. It was also recommended as a condition of approval that the target ranges be located in compliance with Article 11, Title 9 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law. Furthermore, the County Planning Board requested that the site plan be drawn to scale. All three of these criteria for a complete Site Plan have been met. The East Otto town Planning Board has accepted the modified site plan and forwarded it to the County Planning Board. The proposed project remains a local issue with no countywide or inter-municipal concerns.

Jane Jennings, applicant of the project, described the project and stated that the 28' x 80' building will be built in compliance with State and County codes which will house a practice range. There will be field ranges. They plan to install berms, fencing and signage around the property.

Terry Martin asked if there will ever be large groups coming to the range.

Mrs. Jennings stated there will be no large events, but local shoots that through the course of a day there could possibly add up to a total of 100 people.

Terry Martin asked about off street parking.

Mrs. Jennings stated that they will have 20 to 50 spaces.

Chairman Bishop thanked Mrs. Jennings for her presentation. He asked if there were one spokes person who could speak for the neighbors.

Gary Abraham, Attorney, stated that he was representing Steve Hostetter who opposes this project.

Mr. Abraham stated that this project is being reviewed under Section 239 m of the General Municipal Law. He questioned the Special Use Permit issuance, boundary to another Town and to an Agricultural District Property that is being used for breeding of pigs, SEQR and whether a short or long EAF should be completed by the Town and when in the process. He also stated that he believed that an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Considerable discussion about SEQR, and whether or not an Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

David Paoletta clarified the SEQR EAF versus Environmental Impact Statement discussion by saying that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, just the proper procedure with Environmental Assessment Forms.

Other topics brought up were: location of targets, whether or not stream will be altered, noise impacts, traffic impacts.

Mrs. Jennings stated that all of these topics were either discussed with DEC, or addressed in the Business Plan. This will be a part time operation, open in the evenings and on the weekends. The building is a barn.

Mrs. Jennings submitted a letter from NYSDEC stating that they have given the project a Negative Declaration as to permit requirements.

David Paoletta read portions of the letter submitted by Mrs. Jennings from DEC.

Mr. Abraham stated that this type of project could have a negative impact on tourism because there are not enough lodging accommodations for the influx of people.

Kameron Brooks asked how far from Ellicottville this project is located? The answer was 7 miles. Mr. Brooks stated that with approximately 1000 rooms in the Ellicottville area, he didn't believe that accommodations would be a concern.

Robert Keis stated that ample camping facilities are available with the Allegany Resort only 1½ miles away.

Mr. Abraham raised the question about waste water and waste.

Mrs. Jennings stated that she had addressed this issue with DEC.

Mr. Abraham again raised the SEQR issue again concerning the size of the project.

Terry Martin stated that the key question is how many acres will be affected and whether or not this exceeds SEQR thresholds. He asked David Paoletta for a professional opinion on this issue.

David Paoletta stated that this should be determined by DEC.

*David Rivet moved with a second from Robert Keis to end the discussion. Carried.*

Chairman Bishop asked David Paoletta for his staff recommendation.

David Paoletta stated that staff recommendation is approval with three advisories:

- 1) The Town Engineer should review the site plan to ensure adequate parking requirements pursuant to the Town Zoning Ordinance; to assess on-site traffic circulation; and to review peak hour traffic impact on roadways in the area.
- 2) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be consulted pertaining to Protection of Waters issues relative to on-site Federal Wetlands and Timber Lake and that any construction or disturbance of land or water be done in conformance with Federal regulations with appropriate mitigation measures being employed.
- 3) The town should revisit SEQR issues with DEC in order to clarify Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF) requirements and to ensure compliance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 (State Environmental Quality Review Act).

*Charles Couture moved with a second from Kameron Brooks that the County Planning Board approves with the recommended advisories the Town of East Otto Special Use Permit/Site Plan Approval referral to erect a pole barn to house an indoor archery range and retail shop; and an outdoor Olympic archery range on vacant land near Plato and Jackman Hill Roads. Carried.*

## **INTERACTIVE TRAILS FORUM**

Terry Martin reported that the Interactive Trails Forum is up and running as of March 21, 2003. He said that special mailings will be made to trail advocates in the region and that if any of the Planning Board members wanted a password to access the Trails Forum they should contact Margaret Puszcz or Teri Parker at 716-938-9111 Extensions 2312 or 2307.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ZONING REFERRALS**

#### **City of Olean – Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit – YMCA Facility – 1128 Buffalo Street**

Terry Martin stated that the City of Olean has referred a Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit request to build a new YMCA at 1128 Buffalo Street. There are some unresolved issues concerning traffic and parking. Therefore, the City of Olean has requested that the Planning Board table this referral for 30 days.

*David Rivet moved with a second from Paul Mager to table the City of Olean referral for 30 days at their request. Carried.*

#### **Town of Allegany – Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit – ATV Riding Course and Campgrounds – End of Oregon Road**

David Paoletta reported that the Town of Allegany has referred a Site Plan Review / Special Use Permit request to construct and operate an ATV Riding Course and Campgrounds at the end of Oregon Road. The proposed construction and operation of an ATV Riding Course & Campgrounds and associated ancillary facilities are allowed as a special use (commercial recreation facilities and campsites) pursuant to the Town of Allegany Zoning Ordinance. The ATV's will run on well-marked trails that follow old logging roads and oil well access roads. Traffic generation and parking are adequately addressed in the referral application. Traffic generated by the proposed project will not be sufficient enough to adversely affect the level of service (LOS) on roadways in the area nor will it present an increased risk to public safety.

Mr. Paoletta stated that as lead agency, the Town of Allegany is adequately addressing SEQR. The proposed action is situated on property adjacent to two parcels located in a NYS Certified Agricultural District. However, the property is not actively farmed and no impact on any farming operation is anticipated. The project has the potential to adversely impact upon surrounding residential properties, through noise and dust generated by the operation of the ATV's. Mitigation measures have been proposed to minimize these impacts. The site is located in both the Towns of Allegany and Olean with access to the site from Oregon Road in Olean. In Allegany, the site is adjacent to the Valley View neighborhood.

Mr. Paoletta stated that the project as depicted in the site plan, appears to comply with all required setbacks. The site plan contains adequate information to evaluate most aspects of the proposal and has been deemed adequate by the Town of Allegany's Planning Consultant, though the final decision on its adequacy rests with the Town Planning Board. The proposed project is in compliance with the Town's Zoning Ordinance and this is a local issue with no countywide or inter-municipal concerns.

Greg Thropp, applicant, described the project and stated that the riding course will be open only for scheduled events on weekends.

Bill Sprague asked how close are the closest neighbors?

Mr. Thropp stated that there are 3 neighbors within 500 feet. He has letters supporting the project from them.

Chairman Bishop stated that he has heard discussions about the Valley View neighborhood and concerns about noise.

Mr. Thropp stated that he is doing everything to keep the noise within acceptable limits. He requires that the ATV's have stock mufflers with no modified mufflers allowed.

David Rivet asked about emergency plans.

Mr. Thropp stated that he has an emergency plan. There are 68 oil wells on the property and they are all accessible by vehicle. He also has an EMT on the grounds during all events.

Chairman Bishop stated that the Millennium Pipeline going through this oil field.

Mr. Thropp replied yes, the pipeline company will be utilizing the Buckeye Pipeline right-of-way.

Kameron Brooks asked how many miles of trail are there?

Mr. Thropp replied 18 miles.

Terry Martin stated that The Saratoga Associates, in the Allegany State Park Perimeter Study, has recommended this type of concept with controlled access sites being operated by private entrepreneurs as part of the Adventure Sports theme for Cattaraugus County.

Carol Horowitz stated that the Emergency Management Plan has been sent to the Town of Hinsdale, as they would be the responders to an emergency, for their review. The Soil, Sedimentation and Erosion Plan has been sent to the Soil & Water Conservation District in Ellicottville for their review.

Chairman Bishop asked for the staff recommendation.

David Paoletta stated that staff recommendation is approval with advisories as follows:

- 1) Requested information must be provided to the Town Planning Board regarding the total number of ATV's and project modifications to minimize impacts on neighboring residential properties.
- 2) The concerns of both the NYSDEC and the County Health Department (i.e., mitigation measures and permit approvals) as outlined in various correspondences must be adequately addressed.
- 3) Soil & Water Conservation District recommendations for erosion and sediment control must be followed.
- 4) The project must be in compliance with the criteria for granting a Special Use Permit as outlined in the Town of Allegany Zoning Ordinance (i.e., nuisance issues).

*Paul Mager moved with a second from Kameron Brooks that the County Planning Board approves with the recommended advisories the Town of Allegany Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit to construct and operate an ATV Riding Course and Campgrounds at the end of Oregon Road. Carried.*

**Town of Allegany – Use Variance – Mobile Home – Four Mile Road**

David Paoletta reported that the Town of Allegany has referred a Use Variance request to allow a mobile home in an R-1 District at Four Mile Road. The applicant proposes the construction of a double-wide mobile home (28' by 56') on a lot to be subdivided from the applicant's father's property on which to locate the home. Under the Town of Allegany Zoning Ordinance, mobile homes are not permitted in an R-1 District without a use variance. The Cattaraugus County Health Department has approved plans, specifications and a permit to construct a small sewage treatment system to serve the proposed residence. While the proposed action is situated on property adjacent to two (2) parcels located in a NYS Certified Agricultural District, no impact on any farming operation is anticipated. Projects of this nature have the potential to adversely impact upon surrounding residential properties based on their type and value, however, in this instance that does not appear to be the case. The Town, in fact, has a history of granting use variances for mobile homes. This is a local issue with no countywide or inter-municipal concerns. The County does however recognize a need for affordable housing in that area.

Chairman Bishop asked for the staff recommendation.

David Paoletta stated that staff recommendation is approval with advisories as follows:

- 1) The Town of Allegany Zoning Board of Appeals evaluates the proposal and can justify a determination that the applicable zoning regulations and restrictions have caused an unnecessary hardship on the applicant. Furthermore, the applicant shall demonstrate and the Zoning Board of Appeals shall find that:
  - a) the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return, provided that lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence;
  - b) that the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood;
  - c) that the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; and
  - d) that the alleged hardship has not been self created.
- 2) Ensure that the presence of a flood plain be taken into consideration and that the structure is constructed in such a manner as to mitigate potential flood damage.
- 3) The Town of Allegany revisit their Zoning Ordinance with respect to the siting of mobile homes in the Town.

*Charles Couture moved with a second from Robert Keis that the County Planning Board approves with the recommended advisories the Town of Allegany Use Variance to allow a mobile home in an R-1 District at Four Mile Road and that the County does, however, recognize a need for affordable housing in that area. Carried.*

#### **Town of Allegany – Use Variance – Mobile Home – 2817 Five Mile Road**

David Paoletta reported that the Town of Allegany has referred a Use Variance request to allow a mobile home in an R-1 District at 2817 Five Mile Road. The applicant proposes the construction of a double-wide mobile home (28' by 50') on a lot which contains a single family dwelling to be demolished. Under the Town of Allegany Zoning Ordinance, mobile homes are not permitted in an R-1 District without a use variance. While the proposed action is situated on property adjacent to three (3) parcels located in a NYS Certified Agricultural District, no impact on any farming operation is anticipated. Projects of this nature have the potential to adversely impact upon surrounding residential properties based on their type and value, however, in this instance that does not appear to be the case. The Town, in fact, has a history of granting use variances for mobile homes. This is a local issue with no countywide or inter-municipal concerns. The County does, however, recognize a need for affordable housing in that area.

Bill Sprague stated that the Town of Allegany needs to be sure that the HUD sticker is present on any mobile homes, especially if they have been pre-owned.

Chairman Bishop asked for the staff recommendation.

David Paoletta stated that staff recommendation is approval with the same advisories as the previous referral.

Chuck Couture stated that he believes an advisory needs to be added concerning the HUD sticker.

*Charles Couture moved with a second from Kameron Brooks that the County Planning Board approves with advisories the Town of Allegany Use Variance to allow a mobile home in an R-1 District at 2817 Five Mile Road and that the County does, however, recognize a need for affordable housing in that area. Advisories are:*

*1) The Town of Allegany Zoning Board of Appeals evaluates the proposal and can justify a determination that the applicable zoning regulations and restrictions have caused an unnecessary hardship on the applicant. Furthermore, the applicant shall demonstrate and the Zoning Board of Appeals shall find that:*

- a) the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return, provided that lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence;*
- b) that the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood;*
- c) that the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; and*
- d) that the alleged hardship has not been self created.*

*2) Identify presence or absence of HUD sticker in order to determine compliance with Federal construction codes.*

*3) The Town of Allegany revisit their Zoning Ordinance with respect to the siting of mobile homes in the Town. Carried.*

### **Village of Allegany – Site Plan Approval – Storage Building – 70 S. 7th Street**

David Paoletta reported that the Village of Allegany has referred a Site Plan Approval request to construct a new 5,760 sq. ft. storage building at 70 South 7th Street for the applicant's landscaping business. The facility will be built on a lawn area in an industrially zoned district where facilities of this nature are permitted under the Village Zoning Ordinance. No adverse impacts on surrounding properties is anticipated. The property is located in a flood zone and the Village Planning Board will require compliance with the Village's Flood Damage Prevention Law as part of the Site Plan approval. The property does not abut on an existing street and will require the use of an easement for access. The Village has determined that the easement is of sufficient width, surface, nature and character to provide access and to accommodate necessary emergency vehicles. The easement is properly recorded with the Cattaraugus County Clerk.

Mr. Peterson stated that the building will be used for storage of equipment. The original building is 102 years old and will need to be demolished in about five years. They do not store any chemicals on premises.

Chairman Bishop asked for staff recommendation.

David Paoletta stated that staff recommendation is approval.

*Paul Mager moved with a second from Kameron Brooks that the County Planning Board approves the Village of Allegany referral for Site Plan Approval to construct a storage building at 70 S. 7th Street. Carried.*

**Town of Ellicottville – Site Plan/Special Use Permit – Riding Stable – 6679 Lindberg Road**

Terry Martin reported that the Town of Ellicottville has referred a Site Plan/Special Use Permit for a commercial riding stable and construction of a barn and corral at 6679 Lindberg Road. This is a resubmission. The County Planning Board and town approved it originally in April 2001. The delay in Route 219 plans caused the applicant to delay construction, as some of his land will be used as a NYSDOT proposed wetland mitigation site for the Rt. 219 Freeway. The applicant now must re-submit his application. It is unchanged from the previous submission.

The Special Use Permit is needed to construct in an Agricultural District a pole barn 60' x 36' with 10-12 stalls and a 100' x 60' corral. The Site Plan abuts Lindberg Road with 25' front setback; has gravel off street parking for 10+ cars; will have 10 acre pasture enclosed with an electric fence; 10' setback from Route 219 for pasture; does not encroach on the DEC wetlands; 320 acre site has room for expansion – camping, indoor riding arena, expansion of existing 2 acre lake. An Ag Data Statement was included indicating that there are four in active farms in the area, with no significant impacts anticipated.

Mr. Martin stated that he can see no objections to the Town's SEQR findings of an unlisted action with no significant aspects as it is an inactive dairy farm and this most recent proposal would be compatible. However, he does have a concern that the project's future phases could be considered segmentation under SEQR. This should be clarified. Also there was no mention of public restrooms. Perhaps the County Health Department should be contacted concerning the requirements for water and sewer for such a project.

Chairman Bishop asked for the staff recommendation.

Mr. Martin stated that staff recommendation is approval with two advisories: 1) the Town should check with the County Health Department concerning requirements for water and sewer for such a project; and (2) the Town should clarify SEQR Segmentation for the project's future phases.

*Kameron Brooks moved with a second from Bill Sprague that the County Planning Board approves the Town of Ellicottville Site Plan/Special use permit referral for a commercial riding stable and construction of a barn and corral at 6679 Lindberg Road with two advisories: 1) the Town should check with the County Health Department concerning requirements for water and sewer for such a project; and (2) the Town should clarify SEQR Segmentation for the project's future phases. Carried.*

**Town of Randolph – Special Use Permit – Recreational Vehicles Repairs – 12962 Miller Valley Road**

Terry Martin reported that the Town of Randolph has referred a Special Use Permit request to allow small engine repairs on recreational vehicles – dirt bikes – ATV's, etc. at 12962 Miller Valley Road. This property is at the intersection of Bowen Road and Miller Valley Road on the Chautauqua County line. It is one mile from I-86 near the Kennedy Exit. The repairs will be inside an existing building. An Ag Data Statement was submitted indicating that this project is near 3 active farms. However, there should be no adverse impacts. This is a local issued with no county level or inter-municipal issues. Staff recommendation is approval with one advisory that the Town should stipulate no outdoor storage of vehicles.

*Robert Keis moved with a second from David Rivet that the County Planning Board approves the Town of Randolph referral for a Special Use Permit to allow small engine repairs on recreational vehicles at 12962 Miller Valley Road with one advisory: The Town should stipulate no outdoor storage of vehicles. Carried.*



## **Town of Franklinville – Special Use Permit/Area Variance – 7365 Weller Road**

Terry Martin reported that the Town of Franklinville has referred a Special Use Permit and Area Variance request to construct an Accessory Use Apartment at 7365 Weller Road. The applicant wants to build this apartment for their parents with the same scenic view as the original home. A Special Use Permit is needed for an accessory building on an existing driveway. An Area Variance is being requested for a 25' setback instead of the 50' required.

David Rivet stated that a set back of 25' would preclude the Town from ever expanding the road. The purpose of setbacks is to allow for future road improvements.

Robert Keis stated that the set back requirement in the Town of Mansfield is 75' from the center of the road. The Town needs to determine if this 25' setback will be from the edge of the road or the center.

David Rivet then asked why this referral had come to the Planning Board, because the Weller Road is a Town road and not a county or state road?

Terry Martin agreed with Dave Rivet, and did not know the Town's reason. He said that he would need to check this with the Town.

It was a consensus of the Planning Board that this referral be returned to the Town, and to advise the Town to discuss this request with the Town Highway Superintendent because the area variance for a minimum set back of 25' precludes the Town from ever expanding the road.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **Town of Allegany – Lippert Gravel Pit Expansion – 4451 S. Nine Mile**

David Paoletta reported that notice has been received from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that a public meeting for the purpose of determining the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact for the 51.76 acre expansion of the currently permitted 139.52 acre Lippert Gravel Pit in the Town of Allegany at 4451 South Nine Mile Road. The expansion proposal consists of an addition of 19.35 acres east of the existing mine area north of South Nine Mile Road (Cattaraugus County Route 60) and 32.41 acres east and south of the existing plant and previously mined area south of South Nine Mile Road. Excavation below the ground water table is proposed, resulting in a 10.82 acre increase of the existing 17.86 acre lake north of the road and a 31.4 acre increase of the existing 19.8 acre lake south of the road. Trucks will be used to transport excavated material across South Nine Mile Road from the north mine area to the plant for processing and conveyors will be used for this purpose south of the road. The estimated life of the expanded mine areas is 10 years and the reclamation objective is two recreational lakes. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 7:00 pm at the Allegany Town Hall. Written statements will be accepted until April 11, 2003.

Bill Sprague and David Rivet expressed concerns about the trucks crossing the road and getting the road covered with loose stone, wet and slippery conditions, damage to the road and the safety of the public.

*Upon further discussion, Charles Couture moved with a second from Robert Keis to authorize David Paoletta to write a letter expressing these concerns of the Planning Board and any other issues that may be relevant. Carried.*

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS – none**

## **ABANDONED RAIL ROAD LINE**

Terry Martin stated that he received a call from the Allegany State Park concerning a railroad line that is being abandoned from Limestone to Bradford. The State Park would rather not take it, but wants to preserve it for future trails. The County has decided not to take it. Mr. Martin has referred it to the Village of Limestone. Brad Whitcomb of the state park agency said that if the Village and County will not take it, the State Park will consider it again. This abandoned rail right-of-way could become a valuable link in the County's future trails network.

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman's Report**

**Annual Meeting** – Margaret Puszcz reported that two dates had been considered for the Annual Meeting in May. Southern Tier West has scheduled their Annual Meeting on the one of the dates that was being considered, May 15th. Upon discussing possible dates with Crystal Abers, Chairwoman of the Development & Agriculture Committee, she felt that Wednesday May 28th would be the better date to hold the meeting. It is the same day as the Legislature meeting and hopefully more Legislators would be able to attend then if we held it another night.

If we hold the Annual Meeting on this date, it has been suggested that the Planning Board hold their regular meeting for the month of May on the 22nd, a week earlier so that Planning Board members and staff do not have two meetings back to back.

There are two locations available for the meeting, Holiday Valley or HoliMont. Upon discussion, the Board concurred with to hold the Annual Meeting on May 28th at Holiday Valley and to move the regular monthly May meeting to May 22nd.

Terry Martin suggested that an equestrian theme for the Annual Meeting could focus on trails and facilities. A special recognition could also be given to Senator Patricia McGee for the \$100,000 Member Item that made the Allegany State Park Perimeter Study possible.

The Planning Board concurred with the equestrian theme and with the special recognition of Senator McGee.

## **MEMBERS FORUM**

Charles Couture reported that the Munitions project meetings are positive and the Town of Ashford is still pursuing it. The Town will be coming up with a recommendation at the next Town Board meeting.

Terry Martin asked what the status is of the Kingbrook project in the Town of Yorkshire. Kameron Brooks stated that the project is totally dead.

Kameron Brooks reported that the Zaepfel Nature Center has received interest from the Timber Framers Guild to hold the Board International meeting there. The membership is 15000. They are talking about building a multi use lodge and barracks style building which would fit right in with the spirit of the Zaepfel Nature Center.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Tom Livak displayed samples of several promotional items that the County will be using: bags, mouse pads,

visor clips, golf tees and magnets. They are also looking into the possibility of t-shirts.

The Planning Board was very impressed by the quality of the promotional items and the new county logo.

## **STW REPORT**

Robert Keis reports that STW has received a GIS Scholarship award from the National Association of Development Organizations. The award of \$8,500 includes software, training, and reference books to help support our GIS efforts and update our technology to the most current available standard. There were 63 applicants for the various awards, with Southern Tier West being one of about 15 to receive an award.

Representatives from the STW Board and Staff attended the DDAA Annual Meeting/Conference in Washington, DC on March 16, 17, and 18, 2003. They also met with staffs of Senators Clinton, Schumer, and Quinn, learning about the congressional process and procedures for setting aside projects for the next transportation bill – TEAM-LU. Congress is submitting a special request for Route 219 and for the continuation of the rehabilitation on the Southern Tier Rail Extension.

Southern Tier West's 10th Annual Local Government Conference is scheduled for May 8, 2003. Registration for the conference can be made by mail or on-line at [www.southerntierwest.org](http://www.southerntierwest.org). Vendors and speakers come from around the state. Topics will cover all areas of local government.

The Southern Tier West Development Foundation is hosting its 2003 Campaign for Advocates meeting downstairs at the BOCES training room on April 16th for 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Community Endowment = Community Development."

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **Lake Erie Forum**

Terry Martin reports that Cattaraugus County has temporarily withdrawn its proposal for a Cattaraugus Creek Watershed program. The reasons for the withdrawal are to give the Forum time to finalize its "ground rules" on how to handle grants, and to give us time to develop support among stakeholders.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Town of Little Valley – Special Use Permit for development of the START Project along the abandoned NY&LE Road Bed – approved with limitation to the property owned by the applicant as described in Liber 996/page 471 of deeds.

City of Olean – Site Plan/Use Variance – Relocation of Billings Sheet Metal to 1002 S. Union Street – approved, no conditions.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Upon discussion, Charles Couture moved with a second from Bill Sprague to concur with Chairman Bishop's recommendation for the Torrance Brooks Community Leadership Award. Carried.*

## **ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF WILLIS C. "BILL" ANDREWS**

Charles Couture moved with a second from Paul Bishop that

(1) the March 27, 2003 meeting of the Cattaraugus County Planning Board be adjourned in **memory of Willis C. “Bill” Andrews** who passed away on March 17, 2003 at the age of 79;

(2) a letter of condolence be sent to his family from the Cattaraugus County Planning Board members and staff;

(3) recognize that Mr. Andrews

a) was a member of the Cattaraugus County Planning Board from March 1984 to July 1994, and was Vice Chairman of the Cattaraugus County Planning Board from January 1990 to July 1994,

b) served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He joined the 310th Cannon Company and fought in the European Theater, Battle of the Bulge and the crossing of Remagen Bridge. He was discharged as a second lieutenant,

d) was employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as a forest ranger for 34 years, retiring in 1985,

e) was past president of both Pioneer Central School and Erie, Cattaraugus and Wyoming County BOCES school boards where he served for 30 years.

Mr. Andrew’s presence will be missed and sadly felt by his family, friends and colleagues in Cattaraugus County.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 28, 2003 AS CORRECTED.** Correction under list of Guests change Greg Thropp’s business name from “Ropperinge” to “Copperidge”.