

**TOWN OF MANLIUS
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
August 24, 2020**

APPROVED

The Town of Manlius Planning Board convened in person due to an issue with the virtual platform, Zoom, Chairperson Joseph Lupia presided, and the following Members were present: Fred Gilbert, Ann Kelly, Arnie Poltenson and Richard Rossetti. Also, present were Attorney Jamie Sutphen and Town Engineer Douglas Miller.

Absent: Member LeRoy and Member Mento

Other persons attending the meeting: Dennis Flynn and Julie Merola

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Lupia thanked the Board for their patience, time and dedication in getting through the last 2 Board meetings.

Minutes

Member Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Member Kelly and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Member Gilbert abstained.

The minutes of August 10, 2020 were tabled.

Dennis Flynn – 7418 Kirkville Road, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Special Permit & Site Plan - Dog Boarding –
7418 Kirkville Road, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Tax Map # 055.-01-10.2

Dennis Flynn, Applicant, discussed that he would like to Board dogs at his home. The current garage (22x32) on the property will board the dogs and there will be a fenced (200-300 feet off the road) in area out back for the dogs to run. There will be approximately 0-10 dogs in the Boarding area.

Member Rossetti asked if the garage and the garage doors were insulated? Mr. Flynn said yes. Is there heat in the garage? Yes. Is there water? Mr. Flynn said not inside, there is a garden hose on the outside of the garage that they will be using. How will the garage be cleaned? They have a special flooring and when the dog does make a mess, they pick it up immediately and use a special enzyme that helps with odor and cleans the mess.

Member Rossetti asked about refrigeration for certain dog foods or medication. Mr. Flynn said that there will be a small refrigerator in the garage space for such items.

Member Poltenson asked 2 questions:

1. How will you handle the people that say they dogs will make too much noise? Mr. Flynn said they did a study and a dog bark is about 90 decibels, about equivalent to a lawn mower. They do not feel that it will be an issue. If the dogs are outside, they are with them, they are never alone. Ms. Merola said that they are controlled with training and they know the dogs. They are given treats as a way of positive reinforcement. Barking will be minimal.
2. Is traffic going to be an issue? Mr. Flynn said its not a daycare so clients will not be dropping dogs off daily, its more of a short term/long term for when people go on vacation.

Ms. Merola stated that there is a camera system in the garage that is connected to their cell phones so they can constantly watch the dogs. They also have a public camera system so the owners of the dogs can check on their dog if they want to.

Chairman Lupia asked if there was an hour in which the dogs will not be outdoors. Ms. Merola said that the dogs will not be outside after 9pm. They will be let out at 9pm to do their business then be crated for the night. Dogs will be outside from 7am-5pm to play.

There will be no employees because it is not a daycare, it is a Dog Boarding Business.

Member Gilbert asked the applicants if, in the future, they were going to grow the business. The Applicants said no, they are downsizing as it is and will keep it that way.

Chairman Lupia asked how clients will know where they are located if there is no signage? Mr. Flynn said that there will be a small sign on the building itself, the mailbox has the address and most people will use their GPS systems to find them.

Attorney Sutphen reminded the Board that this is a Special Permit, and this is an allowed use it is subject to the special permit criterion. The Board will have to go through the criterion to make sure it fits in the zone. The Board should think about the conditions, if any, (like hours of operation) that need to be placed on the Special Use Permit.

Chairman Lupia stated that this matter has been referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board and we should hear from them before the next meeting.

Member Kelly made a motion, seconded by Member Poltenson and carried unanimously to hold a Public Hearing for a Special Permit and Site Plan on September 14, 2020 at approximately 6:35pm.

With there being no further business, Member Gilbert made a motion, seconded by Member Rossetti, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Beeman, Clerk