

VALLEY VIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
2:15 P.M.

PRESENT: James D. O'Donnell, Chairman
Michael D. Paduch, Dan Bloomer, Laurence LaDue, John McCarey, Rosemary Kukys

ALSO

PRESENT: Rob Sassi, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Colleen Grogan, Chief Budget Analyst

Mr. O'Donnell opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Amo who was absent.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that this would be an organizational meeting and presented the committee with a draft mission statement and goals and objectives (see original minutes). He asked that they review the draft document and any recommendations be forwarded to him and/or the legislative office. The mission of the Valley View Advisory Committee is to fully evaluate the health services now available at the residence and to submit a plan to the County Executive and County Legislature on how to fully utilize the current vacant space at Valley View as well as the surrounding property. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Make Valley View sustainable, Expand Health Services at Valley View, Improve Veterans Services at Valley View and Examine programs such as Assisted Living and Senior Housing that will compliment Valley View.

Mr. O'Donnell addressed public participation stating he welcomes and encourages all written suggestions be submitted to him and/or any member of the committee or the legislative office.

Mr. Paduch emphasized that infrastructure will be a key component and should be addressed in the mission statement. They cannot do affordable housing, senior housing and pharmacy without addressing infrastructure such as the sewer plant and water supply as it would need to be included in a possible masterplan.

Mr. McCarey agreed with Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Bloomer asked if anything has been done at the sewer plant. Mr. LaDue replied that they are working on an engineering study with the Department of Public Works. The assessment would determine the current capacity, and what it can withstand in the future including upgrades and repairs.

Mr. Bloomer asked about the water supply at Valley View. Mr. LaDue replied that waster is supplied through a water tower in the village of Florida but that will also need further assessment.

Mr. McCarey added that the county has various opportunities with the 169 acres and getting water from the village of Florida was a coup for the county; however, because of capacity it might only be used for fire suppression.

Mr. Bloomer added that they need to discuss what would constitute as acceptable expansion and how expansion would impact the facility.

Mr. O'Donnell noted that they need to garner all possible information in order to analyze the situation.

Mr. O'Donnell recommended the following meeting schedule:

July: Lawrence LaDue, Commissioner of Valley View with current health services at Valley View, James Burpoe, Commissioner of General Services on pharmaceuticals and Christian Farrell, Director of Veterans Services Agency on veteran services.

August: Mr. McCarey with maps of Valley View and related property.

September: Erik Denega, Commissioner of Public Works on infrastructure.

Mr. McCarey presented the committee with a map that depicts Valley View, the Department of Social Services, tank lot, sewer plant, Tilcon, agricultural acres, pad sites 1 and 2, cemeteries, buffer and additional acres (see original minutes).

Mr. O'Donnell asked if the 71.5 acres on pad site 2 was usable. Mr. McCarey replied yes.

Mr. O'Donnell asked about the agricultural acres and how they were currently being utilized. Mr. McCarey replied that they were being leased out annually to a local farmer.

Mr. O'Donnell added that Michael Amo would be bringing a presenter to the committee in the fall with an overview on assisted living.

Mr. Paduch asked if September would be enough time for Mr. Denega to get the information they need on infrastructure. Mr. O'Donnell replied that 90 days should be sufficient.

Mr. Bloomer suggested they look into other entities with healthcare campuses.

Ms. Kukys responded that Rockland County had a medical campus, but it is no longer in business and Erie County does have a medical center and other facilities with some private and some public.

Ms. Kukys asked if all the land was in the Town of Goshen and are there any specific zoning regulations. Mr. McCarey replied it is in the Town of Goshen and zoned for health such as Valley View with the top part of the map industrial.

Mr. McCarey suggested a tour of the vacant space at Valley View as it could be a quick fix in creating a healthcare campus.

Mr. Bloomer asked if the Parry building was the newest building at Valley View. Mr. LaDue replied no, the Glenmere Building.

Ms. Kukys added that the Perry Building was added in 1980 or 1981 as a Health-Related Facility (HRF); however, New York State discontinued Health Related Facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.