

PLANNING BOARD

**Town of Kirkwood
70 Crescent Drive
Kirkwood, NY 13795**

PUBLIC HEARING

March 8, 2021

SITE PLAN REVIEW TO ADD A NEW 40FT WIDE DRIVEWAY FOR ENTRANCE-ONLY, INCLUDING A 24"x40' CULVERT; THE PRESENT DRIVEWAY TO BE USED AS EXIT ONLY FOR TRUCKING TRAFFIC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 958 US ROUTE 11 IN THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD, KNOWN AS TAX MAP NO. 162.04-1-3 AND LOCATED IN AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ON THE APPLICATION OF HOMER C. GOW & SONS, INC., ON BEHALF OF ATKORE PLASTIC PIPE & CONDUIT

Chairman Diffendorf read the notice of public hearing and commented we have the affidavits of posting by the Town Clerk, notice to property owners within 500 feet of the project, affidavit of publication in the Press & Sun Bulletin and Country Courier. We have the Broome County Planning Department 239-m recommendations and a Short EAF has been filed.

Chairman Diffendorf opened the public hearing to public participation at 7:02 p.m.

Chad Moran read the following email into the record that was sent in by Al Gorick, Gorick Construction:

1. I am not sure roads are wide enough with shoulders, etc., to accommodate semi-trailers for entrance as proposed.
2. Also, not sure if existing road construction will be durable to withstand heavy load and turning without damaging asphalt/sub base.
3. Is sufficient/safe grade change from road to new entrance attainable? Looks to be quite a difference.
4. Drawing does not appear to be to scale as it shows our drive at 14' wide but proposed at 40'?
5. Has any concern for stacking/parking on Fairway Drive been addressed?
6. Maybe new drive should be an exit only to alleviate these concerns.

Todd Grubham, Trim Street, stated he wanted to talk about the same questions that Mr. Gorick asked and wanted to add that his concern is more at the intersection of Herb Kline Way and as you are traveling southbound on Route 11 and making that right-hand turn, 180 degrees backwards. He understands there are constraints with that turn, what he sees is vehicle detection is too far forward so that when that tractor trailer tries to make that turn they will have to enter the southbound lane on Herb Kline Way which is a conflict. There is some renovation work that needs to be taken into consideration. He asked if there was a traffic study done and if DOT had a chance to look at that. He went on to say he would like to reiterate a little bit about the staging. He believes from what he sees they don't use their carriers, they contract with carriers. Staging will occur at night as well and how do we enforce that. There is an issue there if there is future development for the Gorick property. If there is a situation where you have trucks overnight there and fire trucks need to get in going back to the fact that he doesn't believe there are any shoulders so there isn't any room for those tractor trailers to move

over or exit in the event of an emergency and turn around and get out of there in a quick fashion. Referencing the drawings, he said he didn't see any signage being allocated, no parking signs, no standing signs. Along with that if that is proposed we would have to pass an ordinance indicating such in the Code. He thinks the project would be better suited for an exit only.

Al Glover, Main Street, and Water and Sewer Department employee, stated he was going to ask what Todd asked but wanted to add that we have a water main that runs underneath that road as well as communication lines that run down to the wells. Another concern that was mentioned was the base and subbase of the road and whether it could handle the truck traffic as well as the parking. With Willow Run we have had tractor trailers park in front of the gate so we couldn't get to the wells.

Hearing no other comments Chairman Diffendorf closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kay Sullivan
Secretary, Kirkwood Planning Board