

PLANNING BOARD

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

PUBLIC HEARING

June 10, 2024

SITE PLAN REVIEW TO CONVERT THE EXISTING TWO-STALL COMMERCIAL AUTO SHOP FROM A DETAILING BUSINESS TO AN AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 635 UPPER COURT STREET IN THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD, KNOWN AS TAX MAP NO. 161.08-1-8 AND LOCATED IN A BUSINESS TWO DISTRICT ON THE APPLICATION OF JOSEPH GUNTHER

Chairman Woolbaugh 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. We have the Broome County Planning Department 239-m recommendations and a Short EAF has been filed.

Chairman Woolbaugh opened the public hearing to public participation at 7:18 p.m.

Joseph and Tina-Marie Gunther were present. Mr. Gunther explained it is a family run business, only a two-bay garage. His wife runs the office and he and his son work the business. He has wanted to do this all his life, been turning wrenches for 30 years. He wants to give it to his kid, looking for a place where he can grow and show him what he has been doing the past 30 years. Mr. Gunther went on to say it isn't a big shop, they don't do a lot of stuff. They do brakes, oil changes, and there are no lifts in the garage. Maybe down the line, if they get approved they would put one in. They also maintain the carwash next door. When they moved in there the carwash was dirty, a lot of traffic going through there, throwing their garbage in the dumpsters. It is in his lease to keep it clean. They have been taking care of the property. Mr. Gunther added he wants to stay there if he can.

Hearing no other comments Chairman Woolbaugh closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kay Sullivan
Secretary, Kirkwood Planning Board