

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

Held on April 14, 2018

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The Litchfield Planning Board held a site walk at Mel's Funway, 454 Charles Bancroft Hwy, Litchfield, NH 03052 on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Croteau - Chairman, Kimberly Queenan - Vice-Chairman, Tyler Perrin, Steven Webber (Selectmen's Rep.), Kate Stevens – Alternate.

ALSO PRESENT: Jen Czysz (Assistant Director Nashua Regional Planning Commission - NRPC), Tony Turecki (Planning Board applicant that went before the Board of Selectmen), Lou Caron (Engineer of L.C. Engineering Company, LLC), Attorney Andy Prolman, Property owners, of Mel's Funway Park, Wayne Caufield and Michael Accomando, and also present was property owner Joan Durocher. Harry Menzigian (Conservation Commission Alternate). Numerous participants from the public also attended.

Site Walk started at the parking lot in front of Laser Plex:

- 1. Site Walk participants informed that the Mel's Funway application section for Paint Ball was respectfully withdrawn without prejudice.**
- 2. Site Walk participants shown location of the NEW "Mini Mel's" ("Kiddie Land") Bumper Boat Pool area.**
 - Applicants explained that the new Bumper Boat location would be next to the existing Laser Plex building, on the side where the existing side-door ramp is. That is, if you are looking at the front of the Laser Plex building, the new bumper boat pool will be located to the right of it.
 - Applicants described and pointed where the footprint of the new bumper pool would be. It starts from some of the existing parking spaces in the front of the Laser Plex building on the right, goes straight back to the propane tank which is located bit behind the Laser Plex building, and over to the existing field on the right.

- a. The existing side-door ramp of the Laser-Plex building would be removed.
- b. About 5-to-7 existing parking spaces would be lost in the front right of the existing Laser Plex building, however another 5 parking spaces could be created on the other side of the park.
- c. The grading for the bumper pool would only be 1 foot higher than it is now in the parking lot.

3. Site Walk participants shown location of more NEW “Mini Mel’s” (“Kiddie Land”) rides area.

- Applicants explained that all the new rides were meant for the 2-to-7-year-old children, so that they could also experience a fun day a Mel’s. Mini Mel’s will include the new Bumper Boat Pool area (as described above), as well as a Gem Dive (similar to panning for gold), Bouncy Houses, and a mini bumper center road – for tiny Go-Carts, where the Go-Cart speeds are slower than an adult can walk.
- Applicants described and pointed where the footprint of the new Gem Dive, Bouncy Houses, and center road for Tiny Go-Carts would be. They will be placed to the right of the new Bumper Boat Pool area, where the existing driving range is now.
 - a. Existing Driving Range Golfing Area Roofing will be removed.
 - b. Existing Big Nets for the Golfing Area will be taken down, and later the large poles holding the nets will be taken down.
 - c. Kim Queenan asked if there was going to be a changing area for the kids to get in and out of their swimsuits for the Bumper Boat Pool area. It was explained that no changing room is needed for children for swimsuits, since the Bumper Boat Pool area is not for swimming – it is just for boating. Kids may get splashed, but it is not meant for swimming.
- Harry Menzigian, a member of the Litchfield Conservation Commission asked about the applicant’s items stacked/stored on the back part of the property toward the Merrimack River. He wanted to know how they would keep the kids from going back there. Applicants stated the “Mini Mel’s” area would be fenced in, and that no-one could get back there.
- Harry Menzigian also inquired on the potential increase of traffic that these new rides would bring. Applicants stated that during the summer, families tend to stay for a good part of the day, that once parked -- they tend to remain for a while. Applicants do not expect that this will change with the introduction of the new kiddie rides.

The Applicants also stated their busiest time of year occurs during Spooky World, where there are 2-to-3 busy Saturdays and when they offer their 2-for-1-night special rate. Applicants said they work closely with the Litchfield Police Department and take direction from the police all year round. Applicants stated that in the beginning, when they first opened, traffic was a problem. However, working with the Litchfield Police Department over the years has resulted in little to no traffic problems, again, because they work very closely and take direction from the Litchfield Police Department.

4. Joan Durocher, abutting property owner made two comments.

Joan Durocher pointed to her house located directly behind Mel's but before the Merrimack River.

- a. Joan concurred with the Applicants, that traffic in the beginning was a problem, but now, even during Spooky World, traffic is no issue at all.
- b. Joan also stated that noise is never a problem for her either, during the summer -- and even during Spooky World it is not an issue.

Site Walk was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by
Kimberly Queenan