

**Town Board, Genesee Plan Commission and Staff Representative of the Waukesha County
Department of Parks and Land Use Division Public Hearing Minutes
May 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Leair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Town Board Chairman Leair and Supervisors Ross, Morris, Braun, and Houston. Also present were Plan Commission members Christiansen, Toole, Lightfoot and Turzynski. Administrator Planner Herrmann, Public Works Superintendent Berg and Deputy Clerk Workman were also present. Absent was Plan Commission member Engelking. Present from Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use was Ben Greenberg.

Chairman Leair read the Notice of Public Hearing and turned the hearing over to Ben Greenberg to comment on the matter. Greenberg explained the reasons for the Dam Failure Analysis and stated that it was required by the State of Wisconsin DNR. The purpose is to prevent loss of life or property damage related to possible dam failures. Overall, current zoning will not change much except within a Fields Crossing subdivision outlot. Town Board member Ross asked a clarifying question that the only properties that would be impacted were the ones labeled in cross hatching. Greenberg confirmed that this was true. Greenberg also stated that no structures would be impacted by these changes. Plan Commission member Christiansen stated that there is a beaver dam upstream from Highway 83 at the end of impact zone. Christiansen was concerned that if Laitsch Dam were to fail and an influx of water went towards the beaver dam, destroying the dam, it may cause more problems downstream then currently known. Chairman Leair then opened up the floor for comments concerning this matter. She asked three times with no comments from the floor. Chairman Leair then brought the matter back to the table for additional comments. None were heard. Chairman Leair closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Rachel Workman
May 24, 2023