

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 12, 2012, 6:30 P.M
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Poletto, Councilman Salvi and Councilman Casale.

Board Members Absent: Councilman Sullivan

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, and Deputy Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. and all joined in with a salute to the flag.

The Deputy Town Clerk read the notice of Public Hearing which was published in the Troy Record and placed on the Town Sign Board and on the website.

Thomas V. Kenny, Esq. appeared on behalf of David Mulinio. Mr. Mulinio is seeking approval to establish and operate a paintball facility off Oakwood Ave. and Farrell Rd. The entrance will be on Farrell Rd. with parking off Farrell Rd. Three fields are planned; two Scenario and one Speed Ball. Small structures will be built on fields as obstacles and cover. The games play like Capture the flag, with the objective of capturing the opponents' flag and returning it to a determined point. Any player hit with a paintball is eliminated. The plan is for the facility to be open two days a week, Saturday and Sunday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Staffing would be six to ten people including: Registration, Gun Calibration, 2 -5 Referees, Safety Supervisor and overall Supervisor.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK: Note: The following visitors may have spoken multiple times during the hearing. If so their comments are combined into one encompassing report for each.

Ginette Chambers, Farrell Rd. asked if this was to be seasonal, what would be done to address hygiene and the business' marketability. She had noted similar facilities opening and rather quickly closing up. An additional concern of hers was traffic on Farrell Rd. and the impact it will have on developments now being constructed nearby.

Richard Foster, Farrell Rd. was concerned about the safety of his children as he directly borders the proposed site.

Bill Bradley, Farrell Rd. is concerned about stray paintballs and if the Town would benefit at all from such a business. Another concern was since it is mostly a cash business, how would the sales tax revenues the Town should receive be tracked. He also believes this is an improper use of this property as zoned, and would have a negative impact on surrounding properties including his own. Mr. Bradley presented an audio recording of a similar facility to highlight the potential noise produced not from the guns alone but from the yelling of the participants during the games

Kathy Betzinger, Valley View Dr. had asked young people, nieces and nephews for their views on this type of venue. While these people enjoyed this type of activity they noted the facilities were usually well away from residences where the sound would not be heard. The same people also noted that the parks they had used did not usually last more than a year. If this business fails what other plan would the town have for the property? Another point was how are the participants to be kept from encroaching on adjacent property. Will the entire area be fenced?

Marcia Christiano, Highpoint was concerned about the traffic impacting the Highpoint entrance which is directly across from Farrell Rd. and also the impact on the residential nature of the area.

Thomas Powers, Farrell Rd. has had the experience of having his vehicle hit with paintballs. He feels this could easily happen throughout the neighborhood with people carrying their own guns. He also was concerned about the traffic.

Lou Bonelli, Liberty Rd. also addressed the traffic situation and asked if this were an appropriate use for the parcel. Operating time should be more specific.

Mark Madden, Liberty Rd. agreed with the others about the traffic and potential vandalism. He feels the number of participants on any given day have been misrepresented to the low side. He also feels the activity and noise would have an impact on the diverse wildlife in the area.

Orlinda Carafello, Farrell Rd. added to the concerns of yelling and profanity, which may occur during matches, litter and possible vandalism. She also questioned if this were a seasonal operation.

Vinnie Castiglione, Liberty Rd. agreed with others concerning traffic, litter, noise and vandalism.

Liz Cordella, Valley View Dr. asked for clarification on operating days and times.

Mary Birch, Highpoint Dr. agreed with the traffic concerns and felt it was the beginning of the end for the peace and beauty of the surrounding neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Poletto made a motion to close the Public Hearing with continuation for comments in writing until July 26, 2012, seconded by Councilman Salvi. Approved. The hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Deputy Town Clerk

Note: An audio tape of this meeting is available in the Town Clerk's Office.