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                BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
                        PLAN COMMISSION
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    IN RE THE MATTER OF:
    (#15-09) Daniela's
    Bistro-Revised Special Use
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    Permit.
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                    REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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                        October 8, 2015
                           7:00 P.M.
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                  PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken
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     before the Bartlett Plan Commission of the
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     above-entitled cause taken at the Village Hall,
     228 South Main Street, Bartlett, Illinois, before
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     LYNN M. EVANS, C.S.R., License #084-003473, a
     Notary Public qualified and commissioned for the
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     State of Illinois.
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     PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM LEMBERG
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        MR. MARK HOPKINS
        MR. JOHN MIASO
        MR. JERRY KALLAS
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        MR. AUSTIN HOPKINS
        MR. TOM CONNOR
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        MR. SHANE COOK
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     ALSO PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM PLONCZYNSKI, Community Development
             Director.
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- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: I'd like to call to order
- 2 this meeting of the Bartlett Plan Commission for
- 3 October 8th, 2015, at 7:05.
- 4 Will the secretary call the roll.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jim Lemberg.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Here.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Hopkins.
- 8 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Miaso.
- 10 MR. MIASO: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jerry Kallas.
- MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- 13 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Shane Cook.
- 14 MR. COOK: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Here.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.
- 18 MR. CONNOR: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We have a quorum.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. The first item on
- 21 our agenda is the approval of the September 10,
- 22 2015 minutes.
- 23 MR. COOK: So moved.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Second.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is there any discussion?
- Secretary call the roll.
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Shane Cook.
- 4 MR. COOK: Yes.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
- 6 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.
- 8 MR. CONNOR: Yes.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Hopkins.
- 10 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 11 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jim -- John Miaso.
- 12 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jerry Kallas.
- MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jim Lemberg.
- Approved.
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- 20 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Next item on the agenda is
- 21 15-19, Daniela's. This is going to be a public
- 22 hearing. If anyone has any comment, questions,
- 23 we have a form on the back for you to fill out
- 24 and give it to Jim and we will have your name

- 1 called.
- 2 Do we have all the public documents?
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I'm going to get them. Here
- 4 is the notice, here is the sign, and here is all
- 5 the documents that they were sent by certified,
- 6 so we do have all those exhibits.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Jim, would you like
- 8 to give us a little background.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Okay. This is the second
- 10 time you've seen a project at this location.
- 11 Daniela's originally wanted just to do a smaller
- 12 facility. They went to the Village board
- 13 committee meeting after your last plan commission
- 14 meeting and then they actually went to the
- 15 Village board committee twice, which is outlined
- in your packet. At the Village board committee,
- 17 meeting they made some suggestions to the
- 18 petitioner to revise his floor plan and possibly
- 19 make it more bistro like, if you will. The
- 20 petitioner submitted a revised floor plan that --
- 21 here's what was previously submitted, which shows
- 22 nine seats, five video games, a bar area and one
- 23 restroom. The revised floor plan shows 28 seats,
- 24 and this includes the outdoor seating, four

- 1 games, and two bathrooms that that would
- 2 accommodate the increased ability for the
- 3 occupancy of that property.
- 4 They've asked for additional hours of
- 5 operation, to also be open in the morning and
- 6 have more of a breakfast, bakery-type of use at
- 7 that facility without the gambling. From 6:00
- 8 a.m. to noon, no liquor would be served and there
- 9 would be no gaming, and then they would open the
- 10 gaming and the liquor service later on in the day
- 11 and then stay open Sunday through Thursday from
- 12 noon to midnight and Friday and Saturday noon to
- 13 2:00 a.m. Those hours do coincide with our class
- 14 A liquor license, which they've also applied for.
- 15 The revised parking spaces are -- the
- 16 revised plan requires additional parking spaces,
- 17 ten for this use, and the Cartland building has
- 18 39 spaces in addition to some that are out in
- 19 front of the building. Staff believes that they
- 20 can be accommodated on this property. The rest
- 21 of the background is from the previous petition.
- 22 As you know, in order to get the video
- 23 gaming license in Illinois, you have to be given
- 24 a liquor license by -- you have to have a liquor

- 1 license and then you can apply for your state
- 2 gaming license and then they would have to,
- 3 obviously, get the Village's gaming license, so
- 4 that's kind of the process.
- 5 If the plan commission makes a
- 6 recommendation in favor of these special uses,
- 7 the staff suggests to include the conditions that
- 8 are outlined in your packet, as well as the
- 9 findings of fact.
- The petitioner is here. He would like to
- 11 show you a video that is something that he showed
- 12 to the Village board committee that has to do
- 13 with the food preparation; and if this works --
- 14 I'll get it in here, just give me a second; and
- 15 then, obviously, the petitioner is here.
- 16 (Video played.)
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: All right. That was the
- 18 petitioner's request to do that, and we're back
- 19 to his petition; and if you have any questions,
- 20 we'll try to answer them.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Is the petitioner
- 22 here? Could you stand and get sworn in. Anybody
- 23 going to give testimony with you this evening?
- 24 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yeah.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Could they stand also and
- 2 get sworn in.
- 3 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: You mean for the -- as the
- 4 petitioner?
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: You're the petitioner this
- 6 evening?
- 7 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I'm the petitioner, yes.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Right. This is a public
- 9 hearing. We need to swear you in and anybody
- 10 that's going to be --
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We have quite a few people
- 12 who have signed up, so --
- 13 (Witness sworn.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Could you state your name
- 15 and address, please.
- 16 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Pete Zaikowski, 1576 Knoll
- 17 Crest Drive, Bartlett, Illinois.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Is there anything
- 19 that you would like to add onto Jim already had
- 20 or that movie?
- 21 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: My wife and I have been
- 22 working on this with the city and the trustees
- 23 for -- since October of last year. We've
- 24 listened to a lot of the concerns and the

- 1 requests a lot of the trustees and people that
- we've met in Bartlett wanted us to make it more
- 3 towards coffee shop, bakery, so we've switched
- 4 our hours. We've now gone from 6:00 a.m. to noon
- 5 being a coffee shop and bakery serving the
- 6 downtown area, the people that are traveling on
- 7 the train giving them an option before they board
- 8 the train. We've also doubled our original
- 9 investment to add a second bathroom. That will
- 10 allow us to add up to 24 seats, 12 inside and 12
- 11 outside during the nice weather days.
- 12 We've worked on this. We've changed our
- 13 menu. We've added a breakfast menu. We've also
- 14 lowered -- the biggest concern with people was
- 15 that we were all about gaming, we were all about
- 16 gaming, so we brought our number of gaming
- 17 machines down to four and made more room for a
- 18 restaurant and bistro area from noon to midnight.
- 19 We put a lot of time and effort. We've worked
- 20 with everyone. I've been to most of these
- 21 people's houses. I've walked the neighborhood
- 22 and tried to talk to as many people that would
- 23 answer or were home, trying to work with everyone
- 24 and giving everyone what they need and what I

- 1 think is best for the community and what will fit
- 2 in the spot, and I hope today that you guys
- 3 approve yes for me and let us go forward.
- 4 Do you have any questions for me?
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Anybody have any
- 6 questions on the board?
- 7 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yeah, I have a quick question.
- 8 Are any of these outdoor seating, can that come
- 9 inside at all or --
- 10 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: At the end of the night. You
- 11 mean inside?
- 12 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yeah, so there is additional
- 13 seating inside or is it just -- I know you
- 14 increased it from nine.
- 15 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: We have space for possibly two
- 16 more tables on the inside in the wintertime
- 17 months. It all depends on when I worked with the
- 18 building committee or the --
- 19 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Building department.
- 20 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: -- building department what
- 21 they'll allow me to do on the inside. We have to
- 22 have a certain amount of space. I believe it's
- 23 three and-a-half feet on aisles, and we'll work
- 24 with the building department to accommodate

- 1 whatever the city will allow us.
- 2 MR. A. HOPKINS: And I know I asked you this
- 3 last time, but you're going to have security
- 4 cameras on the outside, inside?
- 5 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yes. We plan on doing a lot
- 6 of improvements. I've got pictures here. I
- 7 didn't have a chance to give them to Jim. The
- 8 building itself is pretty run down. Can I bring
- 9 the pictures up to them? Is that okay?
- 10 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yeah, just start with Tom
- 11 and then we'll bring them down.
- MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I just have three. That gives
- 13 you an example. The building is pretty run down.
- 14 We plan on doing improvements. We're meeting
- 15 with the landlord, hopefully being the landlord,
- 16 to fix a lot of that. The windows are really
- 17 bad. The outside needs a paint job. We're
- 18 willing to invest money to make the outside look
- 19 a little better. The sad part is there is a
- 20 window place there; and if you look at their
- 21 window, it's really bad. We're willing to make
- 22 the investment with the town and make the place
- 23 better, more presentable.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Do you want to give us those

- 1 pictures to include or are you --
- 2 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I think I'll give them to you
- 3 when we're done.
- 4 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Then we should mark them --
- 5 enter them in as Exhibit D, I believe.
- 6 MR. CONNOR: Do you anticipate any
- 7 entertainment of any type at all?
- 8 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: No.
- 9 MR. CONNOR: None. Okay.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone else have any
- 11 further questions?
- 12 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I should take that back. We
- 13 might if we get involved with railroad days --
- 14 what was the last fest we just had?
- 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Heritage Days.
- MR. ZAIKOWSKI: We might do something if we're
- 17 going to get involved with the town like the one
- 18 store did, putting booths out in front of our
- 19 house, to join up with the rest of the
- 20 festivities that Bartlett runs, that would be the
- 21 only time. There would be nothing inside or on a
- 22 regular basis. It would be just to follow a
- 23 festival from getting involved with the town.
- 24 MR. CONNOR: And that would all be on the

- 1 railroad side of the building?
- 2 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yeah. Wherever the city would
- 3 allow us. I was at the last one. The Heritage
- 4 Days, is that what it was? It was fun. I'm
- 5 hoping that it will expand a little bit further
- 6 towards us because the crafts ended right at the
- 7 street by the bank. I'm hoping next year we can
- 8 help and bring that over a little further towards
- 9 us.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: If there are no further
- 11 questions, at this time I'll open up to the
- 12 public.
- Jim, would you call the first one.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Pam Schilling.
- MS. SCHILLING: Hi. My name is Pam Schilling.
- 16 I live at 111 South Hickory. I spoke at the last
- 17 planning meeting that I attended. My husband
- 18 came to the last one that I couldn't attend.
- 19 My biggest concern is that this is a
- 20 residential area, and we don't really need gaming
- 21 in our neighborhood. We have six restaurants in
- 22 Bartlett that already have video gaming within
- 23 the restaurants and we have three standalones.
- 24 That's enough gambling in Bartlett for a town of

- 1 40,000 people. I can't believe we need any more
- 2 than that.
- 3 I did not receive Mr. Zaikowski's
- 4 certified letter. I mean, when you came to my
- 5 house, you said you were going to send something.
- 6 I never got it. It's okay cuz you handed me a
- 7 copy of the diagram, but I just want to let you
- 8 know I never got that.
- 9 I am concerned about access to the
- 10 doctor's office and having enough sidewalk
- 11 clearance for that if he has tables and chairs on
- 12 the outside. It looks like the plan has been
- amended, but in all reality, it's only amended
- 14 for the summer months. In the winter, there's
- 15 still only 12 seats inside the restaurant.
- I am also very concerned because when I
- 17 went back past the building, inside of having a
- 18 sign in the window with the date of the meeting
- 19 and the location, it was a stand up, sort of a
- 20 tent card, on the sidewalk that said if you're
- 21 interested in the hearing on this property,
- 22 please visit the Village website or call the
- 23 Village hall. I just wonder if that's a legal
- 24 notice or not. I've never heard of anything like

- 1 that before.
- 2 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: It is a legal notice.
- 3 MS. SCHILLING: Has that changed?
- 4 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: The legal notice is in the
- 5 newspaper and the notice sent. That's actually
- 6 an extra over-the-top kind of notice and it is
- 7 legal.
- 8 MS. SCHILLING: Even though when you had a
- 9 notice up last time, you gave all the details?
- 10 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yes. The Village changed
- 11 its public hearing sign procedures. A lot of
- 12 towns do that and sometimes they just put a sign
- 13 up that says subject to zoning hearing. Call a
- 14 number.
- MS. SCHILLING: That's great. Do you know
- 16 when that change happened, Jim?
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: This is the first time we've
- 18 done it.
- 19 MS. SCHILLING: Okay. I was just curious. It
- 20 looked like a pretty professional sign, so -- but
- 21 my biggest concern is the amount of gambling that
- is in Bartlett. It is turning into a mini
- 23 Las Vegas in my eyes. I called a number of
- 24 restaurants in the village and a couple were

- 1 interested in getting gambling in, so this is the
- 2 tip. I mean, if you think this is going to be
- 3 the end it, absolutely not. There are more
- 4 restaurants waiting in line to get more machines,
- 5 and we are going to turn into a Schiller Park and
- 6 we are going to turn into a Rosemont if someone
- 7 doesn't have a farther reaching vision for this
- 8 community.
- 9 This used to be a great family-friendly
- 10 town that really focused on families and focused
- 11 on children, and I can't believe that having
- 12 another video gambling establishment in town is
- 13 going to increase the reputation and the values
- 14 of the property in the Village of Bartlett.
- 15 Thank you for this time.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Diane Rocha.
- 18 MS. ROCHA: Diane Rocha. I live at
- 19 315 West North Avenue. I've been a resident of
- 20 Bartlett for 33 years. I've been coming to these
- 21 meetings because I'm really worried about the
- 22 effect it's going to have in our neighborhood. I
- 23 mean, he's going to be opened to midnight,
- 24 2:00 a.m. This is a very quiet part of town. I

- 1 don't know if you guys are familiar. I know he's
- 2 had people that spoke on it and thinks it's
- 3 great.
- We want businesses in Bartlett too, but
- 5 there are other businesses that I think would
- 6 benefit our town better that actually want to
- 7 come in there. We've got a bike shop around the
- 8 corner, we have a hair salon there, we have a
- 9 medical building, and you're going to put a
- 10 bistro gaming place. I don't mind it being a
- 11 restaurant, but to have the gaming machines in
- 12 such a tiny, tiny, little location, that I really
- have a problem with that; and, you know, we've
- 14 been here 33 years, and I just don't see our
- 15 village doing very well lately, and it worries me
- 16 that this is how we've become. I mean, we've got
- 17 a lot of restaurants over here as it is. We have
- 18 gaming already and the new one that just opened
- 19 up. I think it's Station 18, and I don't
- 20 understand why we need more of this in our town,
- 21 and I'm really hoping you guys make a good
- 22 decision here. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Materna.

- 1 MR. MATERNA: Good evening ladies and
- 2 gentlemen. As you know, I spoke at the last
- 3 meting for the planning commission. Looking at
- 4 the revised plan, I really don't see any real
- 5 difference. The thing that alarms me is that the
- 6 building didn't get any bigger, yet we have more
- 7 seats. I think this is a red herring. Looking
- 8 at the plan, he has eight feet of a bar area for
- 9 chairs for, it looks like, four positions. That
- 10 would be kind of tight. Okay. I'm not sure I'd
- 11 want to eat there. That's a little tight. The
- 12 same thing with the table sets. On the plan,
- 13 like eight feet, four inches for two tables that
- 14 supposedly hold four people each. Just on square
- 15 footage, that's tight.
- My objection has always been this location
- is not meant to be a restaurant. It's just not,
- and I think it's up to the planning committee to
- 19 say what's allowed in certain places and what's
- 20 not. I don't have objection of a person wanting
- 21 to open up a bistro restaurant, put some gambling
- in, that's fine. In its proper place and proper
- 23 time. To me this location does not scream of
- 24 restaurant or bistro.

- 1 Looking at it, he wants to actually put
- 2 two tables outside in the middle of summer.
- 3 That's going to impede the traffic on that
- 4 sidewalk. That's not something I look forward to
- 5 because I walk my dog on that sidewalk every day.
- 6 I don't think the sidewalk is quite big enough
- 7 for that. Others may object.
- 8 The other thing that I have a strong
- 9 opinion is the parking. I'm not sure how many
- 10 extra spaces are required. If you take a look at
- 11 the parking facility right now, because you have
- 12 the bike shop, you have the medical center, that
- 13 parking lot right next to it is pretty busy; and
- from the hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to
- 15 12:00 noon, he wants to have a bistro. Who is
- 16 going to handle that extra parking? I don't
- 17 agree with the building commission's assessment
- 18 there is plenty of parking. I don't see it.
- 19 Maybe I'm wrong. I don't see it.
- This is going to, I think, add more
- 21 congestion to that corner, which I don't think is
- 22 built to handle that much congestion. Also,
- looking at the plans, to me this screams more
- 24 video gaming than bistro; and having a microwave

- 1 oven, whatever type of oven it is, without a real
- 2 kitchen doesn't scream bistro to me. It screams
- 3 that's video gaming trying to disguise as a
- 4 bistro just so you'll pass it. You know, so to
- 5 me this is just putting more lipstick on a pig.
- 6 Thank you very much for your time.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 8 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Kevin Vanderwater.
- 9 MR. VANDERWATER: I was also here last time,
- 10 and I'm going to follow up on the red herring
- 11 comment since that's what I see it as well.
- 12 I actually brought the menu, which was
- 13 part of what was published in the Village of
- 14 Bartlett, and I was going to go through this
- 15 really quick because what I did is -- it's funny,
- 16 I looked up the convectional microwave oven, and
- 17 I actually came up with the same unit. Those are
- about 7 to 8 grand and they probably need about
- 19 three of them.
- They're going to sell coffee, cappuccino,
- 21 espresso, latte, macchiato, iced coffee, so we're
- 22 going to need a coffee maker, some kind of an
- 23 espresso machine, and they're going to have to
- 24 have ice. They got blueberry muffins, blueberry

- 1 scones, raspberry danish, cheese danish, cinnamon
- 2 rolls, old-fashioned glazed donuts. They have
- 3 more ingredients than my company cafeteria has;
- 4 and my company cafeteria has three of those
- 5 convectional microwave ovens, they have a couple
- 6 refrigeration units, and they have four people
- 7 that staff that morning breakfast.
- The plan had a maximum of two employees,
- 9 and I just don't -- you know, you look at this
- 10 picture here and you're like, okay, so where are
- 11 they going to put all this stuff, you know, and
- 12 you say -- you know, this is a ruse. This is a
- 13 ruse we need to get past this Bartlett committee
- 14 and then we can get our liquor license and then
- we can do our gaming; and we can say, oh, you
- 16 know what, we really can't have all these items
- 17 because there is just no place to put it; and I
- 18 could go through the rest of the menu items and
- 19 go, you know, where is your refrigeration? Where
- 20 is your cold storage? How are you going to deal
- 21 with the oatmeal, the chilies, the various kinds
- 22 of soups? It doesn't add up.
- So I think I'll just go -- this is a nice
- 24 flip. Pete did a good job, but it's not ready

- 1 for prime time yet. It's really a lot of --
- 2 lipstick on a pig to get you guys to give them a
- 3 liquor license so they can get their gaming
- 4 license and say, all right, we're not going to
- 5 really do all that anyway.
- 6 Thank you for listening.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 8 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Carol Herbord.
- 9 MS. HERBORD: Good evening. My name is Carol
- 10 Herbord and I live at 530 Littleton Trail and I
- 11 live in Elgin. I do not live in Bartlett.
- 12 My good friends, the petitioners, live in
- 13 Bartlett, have a beautiful home. I personally
- 14 have known them for several years. I don't know
- of any harder working people than these guys are,
- 16 and they know the restaurant business.
- I've heard some of the comments and I was
- 18 raised in a restaurant family myself. Unless
- 19 you're in the business, it's really very
- 20 difficult to say or call something a red herring
- 21 when the Village understands what they want to do
- 22 and, personally, I love this little town.
- I've lived out here for quite a while and
- 24 I have friends who live here; and when you get

- 1 off the train or you're going to take the train
- 2 in the morning, I think it would be great to have
- 3 somewhere to grab a latte and a pastry. They're
- 4 not going to be able to cook these kind of items
- 5 in the restaurant necessary at all times. Some
- of it is going to have to be moved in, like the
- 7 soups and chilies, et cetera. I just think
- 8 without knowing the restaurant business, it's a
- 9 little hard to make those kind of comments.
- The thing about the video gaming, once
- 11 every few years I like to go to Vegas. Do I
- spend more than I can possibly afford? I'm
- 13 retired. I'm on a fixed income. No, I don't.
- 14 It's just kind of fun. It's a little something I
- 15 get to do every few years.
- I don't think -- I wanted to mention
- 17 Moretti's. It's filled with families and
- 18 children. It's a family-oriented place that
- 19 happens to have very good Italian food, and the
- 20 machines are set up as you walk in the front door
- 21 and they're roped off and I don't see very many
- 22 people doing it. I don't think that's going to
- 23 be the biggest part of their business when you
- look at the profit margins, and I don't think

- 1 that it would harm Bartlett's reputation at all
- 2 to see stores filled instead of empty when we
- 3 come into your town.
- So I appreciate your listening, especially
- 5 an out-of-towner. I love this little town. It's
- 6 beautiful. It is very quaint and very
- 7 family-orientated and we want to keep it that way
- 8 too. That's all I've got. Thank you very much
- 9 for listening to me.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 11 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Alyssa Buelow.
- MS. BUELOW: Hi. My name is Alyssa Buelow. I
- 13 live at 496 Knoll Crest in Bartlett. I've known
- 14 them ever since they moved in next door. They're
- 15 very nice people, and the comments earlier about
- 16 this place being mainly gaming is -- I don't
- 17 think -- you can see clearly by the revised thing
- if it was only gaming, they wouldn't have gotten
- 19 rid of a gaming machine to add more seating.
- 20 They wouldn't have added more hours strictly for
- 21 food if it was strictly for gaming, and I
- 22 personally know --
- 23 I'm from Bartlett. I have lots of friends
- 24 who live around here who would love to see a new

- 1 place. I have friends who take the Metra in the
- 2 morning because they work in downtown Chicago and
- 3 the only place they can get a little cup of hot
- 4 cocoa or coffee is that small place that is next
- 5 to Station 18, which that's been a bar for a very
- 6 long time. They just changed their name; and,
- 7 you know, the only other place that's near here
- 8 that I know of that people my age actually go to
- 9 is Bracht's and that's strictly liquor. They
- 10 have maybe four or five gaming machines and
- 11 anytime I've ever been there, not a lot of people
- 12 use the gaming machines. It's just something off
- 13 to the side.
- I actually used to work a Moretti's as a
- 15 hostess, so I was right up front there, and
- they're not planning on having the gaming right
- in your face when you walk in. The first thing
- 18 you're going to see is people eating, that's
- 19 their main thing. She is an amazing cook and she
- 20 needs to spread that with people in this small
- 21 neighborhood because she is part of this small
- 22 neighborhood; and people need to realize that
- 23 people from this neighborhood who want to go for
- their dreams shouldn't be put down because they

- 1 want to add a little bit of quiet entertainment,
- 2 not live entertainment, not nothing you're going
- 3 to be able to hear outside the building, but just
- 4 something a little extra on top of them wanting
- 5 to provide very good food for their community.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 8 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Brian Buelow.
- 9 MR. BUELOW: Brian Buelow, 496 Knoll Crest.
- 10 I'm a business owner. I don't own a business in
- 11 Bartlett. I own a business in Elk Grove Village.
- 12 I own a building in Elk Grove Village. I would
- 13 like -- and have seen Bartlett a lot of the
- 14 businesses close. Right down the street here
- 15 you've got the strip shopping center that the
- 16 grocery store is closed, Ace Hardware is closed.
- 17 All those places have closed. A lot of places
- 18 are closing up around here, and I think as a city
- 19 and a tax base, you would want to bring in good
- 20 people, which Peter and Daniela are, to open a
- 21 business to help with the tax base and also give
- 22 the people of the city something to do. There is
- 23 really nothing to do down here. You can come
- 24 down and get on the train. There is Toots, there

- 1 is TLs for restaurants, but other than that we
- 2 don't usually come down and eat here, so this
- 3 would give us another opportunity to come to the
- 4 downtown and maybe visit the bike shop or
- 5 whatever.
- 6 You know, I don't know, but I think that
- 7 people, like my daughter said, people that are
- 8 going off their dream, you know, they should be
- 9 allowed to do it. You've heard a lot of people
- 10 talk about we should do this, we should do that.
- 11 Great. Let them open a business. Let them
- invest their money in the city. I don't see them
- 13 doing it. I don't see a lot of people doing it.
- 14 I think that's the big thing here, you have to
- 15 decide whether you want people to invest in the
- 16 city or not and that's really what it comes down
- 17 to, so thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 19 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Sherri Buelow.
- 20 MS. BUELOW: Yes, my name is Sherri Buelow,
- 21 496 Knoll Crest also. Again, we've known Peter
- 22 and Daniela. They are, like my husband and
- 23 daughter said, extremely good people. It's
- 24 disappointing to hear people talk about them as

- 1 if they're trying to destroy Bartlett.
- 2 There is a niche that needs to be filled
- 3 down here. I come downtown all the time with my
- 4 grandchildren on the train. I would love to have
- 5 a place to stop and have a quiet, little cup of
- 6 coffee, get the kids a pastry, and get on the
- 7 train. Same coming home. Not everyone wants to
- 8 go to a large, big bar. A nice quiet little
- 9 place for conversation, talk, have a snack,
- 10 appetizers, whatever, and Daniela is an amazing
- 11 cook. A nice quiet little glass of wine before
- 12 you go home. I don't understand why that is such
- 13 a nefarious plot. I really don't. There are
- 14 gaming machines in many businesses in town. It
- 15 has not destroyed them. It hasn't ruined the
- 16 neighborhood.
- 17 They mention Moretti's. Same amount of
- 18 children go to the Moretti's now that did before
- 19 the gaming machines came in. It's not a bad
- 20 influence. They're not allowed to use them.
- 21 They're just in the corner.
- It is nothing more than a supplement to
- 23 revenue. When it's slow, you might have somebody
- 24 play a few games and supplement your income.

- 1 That's why places are putting them in. They're
- 2 not trying to turn anything into a mini Las
- 3 Vegas. We've got a casino down the street. If
- 4 those type of people want to go for hardcore
- 5 gambling, that's where they're going to go. A
- 6 few little gaming machines for supplemental
- 7 income for your business is not going to destroy
- 8 Bartlett.
- 9 Again, we've known Peter and Daniela.
- 10 They're good people. I personally would stop and
- 11 buy pastries on my way to work for my office
- 12 every morning. It's a cute idea and a nice
- 13 little place to go and it's an alternative to
- 14 what is down here now, which is just nothing but
- 15 mostly actual larger, louder bars. A small
- 16 little place. Something that only seats 12 to 20
- 17 people isn't go to cause enough noise to hurt
- 18 anybody. Thank you for your time.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 20 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Ross Senft.
- 21 MR. SENFT: Hi. My name is Ross Senft. I live
- 22 at 882 Prairie Avenue here in Bartlett. Pete
- 23 told me about his idea that he had and I think
- 24 it's great. I own my own business also and I

- 1 travel all over the area to visit my clients. A
- 2 lot of times when I leave, I'm looking for a
- 3 place that I can stop and pick up a coffee or
- 4 something to eat in the morning. A lot of times
- 5 I drive right past that and there is no where to
- 6 go and I end up going somewhere else and I stop
- 7 in another town, so it would be a great thing to
- 8 have that I can stop there in the morning if I'm
- 9 driving to a client or getting on the train going
- 10 downtown, I could get something to eat. The menu
- 11 looked good too, so I would definitely do it; or
- if I'm coming back, I can stop, grab something
- 13 there, something to eat for lunch.
- On occasion, you know, I go out to some of
- 15 the different restaurants or bars to watch a
- 16 game. You know, I went out last night to watch
- 17 the Cubs game. Both places I was at actually had
- 18 gaming machines and I didn't use them, but most
- 19 of the time when I go out, I almost never use the
- 20 gaming machines. Every once in a while I'll sit
- 21 down and play one or two games. I don't think --
- 22 I can't imagine anybody goes to a bar in Bartlett
- 23 for the purpose of playing gaming machines
- 24 strictly. We're going out to have a good time,

- 1 we're going out to hang out with our friends,
- 2 watch a game, have some food. If there happens
- 3 to be a machine there, we'll sit down and play it
- 4 a couple of times. That's about it. I don't
- 5 really see any harm, and I've never seen anybody
- 6 sit there for ten hours straight and waste their
- 7 whole day. I think it's just something fun. I
- 8 think it would be a great place to go. I think
- 9 it would be a good place to stop in the morning,
- 10 stop in the afternoon, and have a good time.
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 13 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Richard Koy.
- 14 MR. KOY: Hi. My name is Richard Koy. I'm
- over on Timberline Drive. The -- pretty much
- 16 everything has been said, which I can add to, but
- 17 the only thing I would like to bring up is the
- 18 amount of parking they're talking about because
- 19 during the daytime there is not a whole lot of
- 20 gambling going on during the time that the
- 21 doctor's office would be open, so I don't think
- 22 the parking would be a major conflict going on at
- 23 all until nighttime. The doctor's office should
- 24 be closed by then anyway, so that's about it.

- 1 Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Judy Szura.
- 4 MS. SZURA: It's Szura, and I live in
- 5 Elk Grove Village, Illinois. The reason I'm here
- 6 is because I'm a frequent -- I ride the Milwaukee
- 7 West line every single day from downtown home.
- 8 I've done that for 15 years, acquired a lot of
- 9 train buddies who live from Bartlett to Elgin to
- 10 Geneva to Carol Stream and as well as Elk Grove
- 11 Village.
- 12 Bartlett is our hub, middle of the ground
- 13 kind of location, on a Friday night when we want
- 14 to kick back after a long, hard week of working.
- 15 Bartlett is it. We ride the train here. We go
- 16 to TL's. We've done Tipsi Monkey. We also
- joined the zumba at Studio Energia over by
- 18 Savoury. We have little groups, train buddies,
- 19 that do this. Some of our friends want us to go
- 20 to Geneva because Geneva has better restaurants.
- 21 I like it because it's closer for me to Elk
- 22 Grove.
- 23 Elk Grove has a ton of gaming. I have
- 24 children that live in Elk Grove, and I can

- 1 honestly say I was one of those fearful people
- 2 that said here goes the neighborhood. If you
- 3 ever pass one of those places, there is two cars
- 4 in front of it. Stating, you know, if you only
- 5 have four machines, four people can only use the
- 6 machines at a time. I tried your Stella's here.
- 7 There was two cars in front of that location.
- 8 Doesn't really have a lot.
- 9 The reason I'm here is because out of our
- 10 group of eight people who are train buddies, two
- 11 of them are single parents. On a Friday night,
- 12 nobody wants to get caught drunk driving. They
- 13 can take their train at 10:26 and we all disperse
- 14 and we go to our respective locations, go back
- 15 home. It's a safe environment to go back home,
- 16 yet still have a place in Bartlett to meet.
- 17 This sounded like a good idea when I read
- 18 it in the newspaper and sounds like from
- 19 listening to people that it's a fun place where a
- 20 group like my friends would enjoy and I'm just
- 21 here to say that, you know, Bartlett does need
- 22 more opportunity than TL, Tipsi Monkey. Lucky
- 23 Jacks hasn't been open for how long. It needs to
- grow because when we do go to Geneva, there are a

- 1 ton of opportunities to eat there and people are
- 2 going there. It's a long drive and the drinking
- 3 and driving, I'm just totally against.
- When I went into Stella's, I maybe put a
- 5 20 in the machine, but it's the camaraderie of
- 6 sitting in the front area, being single, two
- 7 single women and married women, we don't want to
- 8 go to a bar and talk to people. We would rather
- 9 just integrate with ourselves and have a good
- 10 time. When we went to Tipsi Monkey, it's a very
- 11 tiny, little bar, so they have a lot of seating
- in a very tiny, little place, and everybody seems
- 13 to enjoy themselves. It just seems it's a great
- 14 opportunity for people like me and my group of
- 15 friends that would enjoy a place like this and
- 16 feel safe and secure in an environment because
- 17 Bartlett has great police and safe environment.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 20 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Larry Robisky.
- 21 MR. ROBISKY: How you doing. Larry Robisky.
- 22 I live at 890 Kane Street, South Elgin. I've
- 23 known Pete and Daniela for about four, five
- 24 years. I don't know much about the seating and

- 1 parking stuff. They're both good people. They
- 2 have experience. They know what they're doing.
- 3 I'm sure Pete can handle any problems that come
- 4 up. They're investing some hard earned dollars
- 5 and trying to make a go of it. I'm sure they'll
- 6 do a good job. That's about all I got to say.
- 7 Thanks.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Theresa Materna.
- MS. MATERNA: Hi. My name is Theresa Materna.
- 11 I live at 329 North Avenue in Bartlett. A lot of
- 12 what I wanted to say has already been covered, so
- 13 I'm not going to repeat things. The one thing
- 14 I'm concerned about is having video gaming close
- 15 to a residential area, that's my -- one of my
- 16 primary concerns. The square footage, I think we
- 17 talked about. We've seen that.
- 18 The other thing I'm going to put a little
- 19 twist on this because I'm a nurse, there are
- 20 negative effects of video gambling, of gambling
- 21 in general. Effects that can be long -- felt
- 22 longly -- long after the effect on a community,
- on individuals, on homes. You have potential
- loss of income. You have change in family

- dynamics, and I'm talking from experience because
- 2 I do have a family member who has a gambling
- 3 problem, so there are changes in family dynamics.
- 4 There's, like I said, loss of wages. There is
- 5 the potential and would -- I know a couple video
- 6 gaming machines probably aren't going to make a
- 7 huge difference, but when you accumulate that
- 8 with the ones we have in Bartlett, I think it's
- 9 heading in the wrong direction.
- 10 Other negative effects on the community
- 11 are crime; and from a medical point of view, the
- 12 National Institute of Health does list
- 13 pathological gambling as a mental health illness.
- 14 Now, I'm not saying everybody is going to be
- 15 running and going to your restaurant who is a
- 16 pathological gambler, but the potential is there
- 17 for any facility that has that.
- Some of the -- the other thing, I'm going
- 19 to switch gears again here, is you have to have a
- 20 liquor license to have this facility. I looked
- 21 on the menu that was listed. I believe, there is
- 22 no list of -- I didn't see any liquor on the
- 23 menu. I saw cappuccinos and coffee and different
- 24 stuff, but I didn't see a place with any liquor.

- 1 If this is going to be a facility that serves
- 2 liquor, what type of liquor are you going to
- 3 serve and where is that listed on the menu.
- The other thing is my husband and I, we
- 5 were just in California, and we had a chance to
- 6 go to a bistro and we went there and they didn't
- 7 have gambling. It was a beautiful place. It was
- 8 a nice family atmosphere, one that I felt
- 9 comfortable bringing my 87-year-old aunt to,
- 10 granted she had problems getting up on a
- 11 five-foot seat at a table, but -- and then you
- 12 have to look at in general is the video gambling
- 13 something the residents of Bartlett want in their
- 14 residential community that is so close to homes.
- 15 I think the idea of the bistro is a good
- 16 idea and I think we could use extra restaurants
- in the downtown area, but to include the
- 18 gambling, I'm not so sure of. I didn't think I
- 19 was going to say that coming up here. Your plans
- 20 to me look better than what I thought they would,
- 21 but, again, I think a lot of what the people here
- 22 are focusing on is the gambling, and I think that
- 23 has to be a concern when we have so many other
- 24 facilities, and it just seems Bartlett is going

- 1 in the wrong direction as far as that. Yes, it
- 2 can bring income into the town and I know with
- 3 the state of Illinois without a budget, any extra
- 4 income is a good thing, but I just don't think
- 5 that this is the way to go for that.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Art Johnson.
- 8 MR. JOHNSON: I think Bartlett needs choices.
- 9 I mean, a lot of people would say we have too
- 10 many pizza places, but yet you opened -- gave a
- license to Marco's and yet we have V&Vs, we have
- 12 Moretti's. We have so many other pizza places
- 13 when you decided to give Bartlett residents a
- 14 choice because like bars and pizza places,
- 15 they're unique. They take on an atmosphere of
- 16 their own and it's not like he's got a bar with
- 17 500 seats. He's got an intimate environment
- 18 that's either going to make or break it on its
- 19 own. The gambling, four seats in a bar or a
- 20 restaurant, aren't -- isn't going to make or
- 21 break the restaurant. It may help it survive,
- 22 but it's the atmosphere in the rest of the bar
- 23 and restaurant that's going to make or break it,
- 24 and I feel the Bartlett residents have made

- 1 choices in the past. You look at Nest Cafe that
- 2 you guys supported, gave variances to, and
- 3 everything else, but the Bartlett residents
- 4 rejected it as a restaurant. I think that will
- 5 be -- all this guy is asking for is a chance to
- 6 let the Bartlett residents decide whether this is
- 7 a viable business.
- 8 I don't feel the gambling is any big
- 9 issue. You got four seats. What's four seats?
- 10 It's nothing. I mean, let Bartlett residents
- 11 decide whether the food, the drink that he offers
- 12 is worthwhile. You've all seen it. You've seen
- 13 restaurants, you've seen bars come and go. Give
- 14 him a chance. He may actually offer something
- 15 that maybe turn into a television show like
- 16 Cheers and have an atmosphere that people want to
- 17 come into, something intimate. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 19 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Lisa Troyke.
- 20 MS. TROYKE: I'm Lisa Troyke. I live at
- 21 227 West North Avenue, a block and a half away
- 22 from the intended bistro.
- First of all, I would like to say to you
- 24 not one person within our neighborhood or within

- 1 the group, to my knowledge, thinks you're a bad
- 2 person or wishes you not to succeed. Many of us
- 3 have owned our own businesses. Most of us, I'm
- 4 sure, have worked. I've worked for myself in my
- 5 own business, in Roselle and in Northbrook. My
- 6 husband owns his own business of which we now run
- 7 out of our Galena home and serve the community
- 8 around here with custom furniture, but first off
- 9 to the gentleman who said let us open our
- 10 businesses, our taxes will pay in one year the
- 11 revenue that you will give Bartlett in probably
- 12 ten years. It's not that much, and it infuriates
- 13 me that someone would say that because he's a
- 14 good guy we should just let it go.
- Our concern is not a bistro, not a
- 16 restaurant, not coffee and donuts. Certainly
- 17 that was never ever the problem. The problem has
- 18 all been with the video gaming a block and a half
- 19 away from our homes. It's too close for video
- 20 gaming.
- 21 Pam was correct, how much do you need?
- 22 Are you selling your souls for two grand a year?
- 23 What do you anticipate in tax revenue from these
- 24 video games?

- 1 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I have no idea. I can tell
- 2 you --
- MS. TROYKE: When you had the first meeting,
- 4 you knew you got like \$18,000 from nine
- 5 restaurants.
- 6 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We get about that much a
- 7 month from what's there. It's based on the
- 8 gaming play, how much is played. That's the
- 9 revenue that's generated.
- 10 MS. TROYKE: From nine restaurants and you're
- 11 saying now you get \$18,000 a month or a year?
- 12 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: A month.
- 13 MS. TROYKE: A month?
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yeah. It's over \$100,000 a
- 15 year. I mean, this is a printout from the State
- 16 that Peter had and it's \$90,000 a year from --
- 17 not a year. It's from January to August of this
- 18 year. That's how much revenues the Village has
- 19 realized as its share of the video gaming.
- 20 MS. TROYKE: In a year?
- 21 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: No. It's from January to
- 22 August of this year by the entities that already
- 23 have gaming, and this is public record. It's on
- 24 the State's website. I'll enter this as an

- 1 exhibit.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay.
- 3 MS. TROYKE: My question is would you want
- 4 this video gaming open till 2:00 a.m. and
- 5 midnight a block and a half from your home?
- 6 Would you want that located till 2:00 a.m. at
- 7 your home? A restaurant is one thing. The video
- 8 gaming is really another. If Bartlett sells its
- 9 soul for all the video gaming and the people who
- 10 are left there from midnight to 2:00 a.m. or
- 11 10:00 to 2:00 a.m. and the money they put in
- 12 those machines, if that's worth it and that's
- 13 your vision, it's a sad day.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Thank you. Next.
- 15 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Gary Plice.
- 16 MR. PLICE: That's me, Gary Plice. I was here
- 17 previously as well. Again, as has been said, I
- 18 think our petitioner seems like a really nice guy,
- 19 and I wish he would have picked a better location
- 20 for setting up his business. I know there are
- 21 empty spots in the town center. There are --
- 22 there is a building that previously housed
- 23 Poundcakes bakery on Railroad Avenue adjacent to
- 24 JC's that is available for sale or lease as we

- 1 speak and that was a going bakery. The only
- 2 reason that bakery ever went out of business was
- 3 because the owners retired, otherwise it would
- 4 still be there and still serving downtown with
- 5 all those same kind of things that we're talking
- 6 about for during the daytime hours. That would
- 7 be a great spot, a much larger place.
- 8 This is -- this is tiny. 12 of the 28
- 9 seats are outside. I've heard it said that in
- 10 this part of the country we have four scenes,
- 11 almost winter, winter, still winter, and
- 12 construction, so for three of those seasons, that
- 13 12 seats outside remains unoccupied. He's got to
- 14 make it on what's inside. Tight space. Tight
- 15 space to run a real restaurant. I cannot imagine
- 16 making this a destination when I got to wait for
- 17 each individual dish one at a time to come out of
- 18 a turbo oven. It just boggles to me.
- 19 You know, if this is approved, I wish him
- 20 good luck. I expect that they'll last about as
- 21 long as the Brunch Box did adjacent to Platform
- 22 18, which is to say not very long. It's not
- 23 something that's convenient for people making the
- 24 train in the morning to trek to. They're in a

- 1 hurry to get to their train because the station
- 2 is across the street from them, from this area,
- 3 and when they come home, they're on their way
- 4 out.
- 5 I just cannot see how this is a viable
- 6 location for a restaurant of this type. If it
- 7 was a carry out pizza place, maybe that would
- 8 work because you wouldn't have to worry about
- 9 seating. You could have a restaurant like that.
- 10 They said there is a lot of pizza places in
- 11 Bartlett. Maybe there is room for one more.
- 12 It's -- the gaming part doesn't set me off
- 13 so much as the fact that I know that on a
- 14 previous occasion a petitioner with a Stella's or
- 15 something like that came in wanting to put a
- 16 location in the town center and they were
- 17 rejected because the Village believed that it was
- 18 too close to the residents who live right above
- 19 the town center in those apartments above there;
- 20 and I have to submit that if it's too close when
- 21 they're in the town center, it's too close to me
- 22 too. I live half a block away from this
- 23 location, and I would prefer not to have action
- 24 going on at 2:00 a.m.

- 1 Honestly, I don't really believe that it's
- 2 going to survive, but if it did, and it would
- 3 probably not be fun for me to have that going on
- 4 next door. Thanks.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 6 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Diane Ribbon.
- 7 MS. RIBBON: Hi, everybody. Diane Ribbon. I
- 8 live at 500 West Oneida Avenue. Just down from
- 9 Bartlett Hills. Try to get through my
- 10 intersection at Western and Oneida 5:00 at night.
- 11 My history here is this is my second
- 12 Village hall in my lifetime. The first one when
- 13 I moved here in 1964 when there was only 384
- 14 people in this town and I was eight years old,
- 15 and I've lived in my house 51 years and I've seen
- 16 a lot of things go down in this town and I have
- 17 seen a lot of shameful, shameful things happen.
- 18 When I come in off of West Bartlett Road,
- 19 it's beige. That building where this is going to
- 20 go in is my doctor's office. That was built
- 21 originally as our grocery store because we didn't
- 22 have anything else. You had to go to Jewel in
- 23 Streamwood. My mom didn't drive a car. My dad
- 24 didn't live with us all the time. We had two

- 1 cops. There wasn't an ambulance. We had gravel
- 2 roads.
- I have seen some crap go down in this town
- 4 that I'm so ashamed of, let alone saying that I
- 5 live in the frickin' state of Illinois. We pay a
- 6 hell of a lot of money to live here and all I see
- 7 is beige when I come in off of West Bartlett
- 8 Road. I see trees that were put in in front of
- 9 trees. I see banners that are so damn ugly. Who
- 10 picked them out? Who decided all this stuff for
- 11 us? It wasn't anybody in my family and it wasn't
- 12 any of these people and we're tired of it.
- Bartlett Hills, they're expanding their
- 14 bar. That's a new clubhouse. Did you ever go to
- 15 the old one? It was really cool. It was a barn.
- 16 It had a huge, giant ass bar. My dad started
- 17 golfing there before I was born. He was a caddie
- 18 when he was a teenager. There was a lot of
- 19 drinking going on. Now I get to experience these
- 20 jerks leaving Bartlett Hills and speeding up and
- 21 down my drive, up and down Oneida. I call the
- 22 cops. I'll press charges. I don't care. I
- 23 don't want this in my neighborhood. I love you
- 24 people. I think you got a good thing going on.

- 1 I think you need to put it somewhere else.
- 2 That's also my doctor's office. That was the
- 3 people that gave my parents the loan for our
- 4 house, Hanover Wayne Savings and Loan.
- 5 When I was a kid, my first job was Lucky
- 6 Jacks, which wasn't Lucky Jacks because that shit
- 7 hole of a place should be burned down. It was
- 8 The Eck and people came from miles around to get
- 9 a fish fry because I answered the phone and they
- 10 came from Evanston, and I could walk home at
- 11 midnight at 12 years old and not have one person
- 12 bother me. I don't have that in my town anymore.
- 13 When they put Oneida all the way through
- 14 up to God knows where, these people discovered
- 15 there is another end of Oneida and believe me we
- 16 get them, and I feel like I live in the last
- 17 bastion of sanity in this town. It has been
- 18 overbuilt. We need to fix the population sign
- 19 because there is a hell of a lot more people than
- 20 45,000 people here and I'm tired of it. I'm
- 21 tired of it looking dirty. I'm tired of garbage
- 22 on the streets. I'm tired of people throwing
- 23 crap out of the their windows. I'm just tired of
- 24 it and I'm tired of the bullshit that goes on

- 1 with this stuff here.
- 2 You know, more people like me need to get
- 3 up here on a more regular basis. I have spent
- 4 three years of my life on the mental health board
- 5 with Hanover Township. You want to see about
- 6 struggles with people, people with addictions,
- 7 alcohol, gambling, you name it. You know, how
- 8 much are people supposed to take and you're
- 9 saying we're getting \$100,000 in revenue or
- 10 whatever from all this gaming going on in
- 11 Bartlett. Can't we figure something else out?
- 12 You know, I would love to have another
- 13 place to go to get a cup of coffee. My dad spent
- 14 almost every day of his life up at Humbracht's,
- which then turned into Whistle Stop Cafe, then
- 16 Fried Green Tomatoes, now it's a Mexican
- 17 restaurant. You know, I think everybody was just
- 18 waiting for all the old-timers to die so nobody
- 19 would remember what it was like. I'm mad.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Thank you.
- 21 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Thanks. Nahren Khoshaba.
- 22 MS. KHOSHABA: Hello. I'm Nahren Khoshaba. I
- 23 live at 271 Shawnee Circle in Bartlett. I'm a
- 24 pharmacist and I came across this place driving

- 1 by and saw it was for lease and I thought why not
- 2 a pharmacy next to a doctor's office. So I did
- 3 some research, found out that there isn't a
- 4 compounding pharmacy within maybe a ten-mile
- 5 radius. So I thought, okay, maybe it would be
- 6 great to have it in this location and why not
- 7 next to the three highest prescribers in
- 8 Bartlett. So I did more research and I found out
- 9 the square footage is perfect for a pharmacy and
- 10 I think that would be nice to have in this town
- 11 because there aren't any independent pharmacies.
- 12 There is the Walgreens and CVS, but independents
- 13 compete just as well with the other big chains
- 14 because people feel more comfortable, just like
- 15 you do with your doctor's office, with your
- 16 pharmacist because they come to you for
- 17 everything, and it just makes more sense to me to
- 18 have it and it's already zoned for a pharmacy, so
- 19 you don't even need to have a conversation, so
- 20 all set. I don't think anyone would complain
- 21 having a pharmacy there. I think it would be a
- 22 good idea. That's all I got.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Ray Deyne.

- 1 MR. DEYNE: It's a little unusual to be on
- 2 this side of the microphone. Good evening,
- 3 commissioners. My name is Ray Deyne. I live at
- 4 511 West Morse. I'm here tonight to give you my
- 5 thoughts on the downtown area and Daniela's
- 6 Bistro in general, just generally.
- 7 I know that people this evening spoke from
- 8 their hearts. They have some very sincere
- 9 feelings. The statements I'm going to make this
- 10 evening also came from my heart. We currently
- 11 have approximately 20 percent or higher vacancy
- 12 in the downtown area. There are businesses there
- 13 that have made overwhelming financial commitments
- 14 and are dying. We, obviously, need to do
- 15 something to improve this area. Maybe something
- 16 as simple as granting this petitioner's request
- 17 this evening and somehow increasing pedestrian
- 18 traffic. The TIF was recently voted down, and I
- 19 believe we turned our backs as a village on the
- 20 struggling businesses. Tonight you have the
- 21 opportunity to send a message to the Village
- 22 board that we must do something to help the
- 23 downtown area.
- You have a petitioner before us this

- 1 evening who is requesting a special use for
- 2 outdoor seating and a liquor license. Tonight
- 3 you have someone that is willing to make a
- 4 financial investment in our downtown area. He's
- 5 sitting here before us this evening. Previously,
- 6 when his request was denied, he listened to the
- 7 changes and alterations suggested by the Village
- 8 board and he is here again this evening with
- 9 those suggested changes making it more of an
- 10 actual bistro and not just a gaming facility.
- 11 He's planning a second washroom, he's changed the
- 12 seating capacity, and has reduced the number of
- 13 gaming station.
- I personally am not a proponent of
- 15 gambling, of gaming. Let's face it, the video
- 16 gaming is here, so let's try and use it to our
- 17 advantage. Right now the Village board is
- 18 looking for ways to restructure gaming, but at
- 19 the present time nothing is in effect. We must
- 20 deal with the present. Hearing so much about the
- 21 type of people these gaming facilities bring in,
- 22 well, I'll tell you if a person wants to gamble,
- 23 he'll find a way to do it and a place to do it.
- I personally have visited the gaming

- 1 facilities that we have in the village for
- 2 observation purposes only. The gaming facilities
- 3 in this village and what I observed were older
- 4 people playing video penny and nickel slots. It
- 5 appeared that they were not there to spend
- 6 hundreds of dollars, but they were there for
- 7 relaxation, entertainment, and maybe just to get
- 8 out of the house. There was no evidence of rowdy
- 9 or unruly people. So in my opinion, in my
- 10 opinion, the argument of undesirable people just
- 11 doesn't mean a lot.
- 12 I don't believe that Daniela's location
- 13 will bring any disruption to the surrounding
- 14 occupants and residents. In fact, some of the
- 15 gaming facilities that we currently have in the
- village are located very closely to residential
- 17 homes and there have been no complaints, to my
- 18 knowledge. In fact, after a while, I don't think
- 19 that these residents will even know or care that
- 20 they're there. It is bordered to the north by a
- 21 hair salon, the Spin Doctor, and Oneida Avenue;
- 22 bordered to the south by Bartlett Avenue and the
- 23 Metra trail line; bordered to the east by Hickory
- 24 Avenue and Associated Bank parking lot; and

- 1 bordered to the west by Alexian Brothers Medical
- 2 Group and a parking lot. The closest resident is
- 3 approximately 200 feet north and I can't think of
- 4 a better location for this bistro to be located
- 5 at. I may be off on the 200 feet because I came
- 6 up short on the green today with the nine iron,
- 7 so I'm not sure on that.
- 8 This site has been vacant for some time.
- 9 Now, we finally have someone who's interested in
- 10 this location and our downtown area. It's called
- 11 a new business. I ask you not to turn your back
- 12 on them. They should be treated like any other
- business, any other business opportunity and
- 14 subject -- and not subject, and I say this again,
- 15 not subject to moral objections. There are no
- variances and all the remodeling will be in
- 17 compliance with our Village codes. Let's give
- this petitioner an opportunity. Do something
- 19 tonight to try and help the downtown area and
- 20 Bartlett in general. I urge you to recommend
- 21 approval of the petitioner's request for
- 22 Daniela's Bistro and send a message to the
- 23 Village board that we support growth in downtown
- 24 and the Village of Bartlett. Give Daniela's a

- 1 chance. He wants to make an investment in our
- 2 village. Again, don't turn your back on him.
- 3 Thank you very much.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That was all we have.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is there anyone else in the
- 7 audience, comments, questions?
- 8 Okay. Close the public hearing.
- 9 You have a question?
- 10 MR. A. HOPKINS: I have a question for the
- 11 petitioner, if he wants to step up. Obviously,
- 12 we've heard from lots of people tonight on --
- 13 lots of different things.
- 14 My question is who is your target market?
- 15 Who is going to be coming in to video gaming
- 16 because that seems to be the biggest issue.
- 17 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Or target market are adults
- 18 from the age of 35 to 65. Some place that some
- 19 people want to come in for a quiet place, come in
- 20 have a cup of coffee in the morning, read the
- 21 newspaper, relax, come in the afternoon. I don't
- 22 know if you've been in the downtown area, I've
- 23 been there and I've done some research during the
- 24 day. It's a ghost town during the day. People

- 1 are worried about parking. There are two cars in
- 2 the parking lot. I've been down to that area
- 3 multiple times, in the morning on a Saturday,
- 4 even with the doctor's office, there is never
- 5 more than five cars in the parking lot. It is a
- 6 very -- the only traffic that I see is when the
- 7 train pulls in and people are all leaving because
- 8 it's crazy. You can't get anywhere. You're
- 9 waiting. I understand that. I've been caught in
- 10 that. I feel for them for that, but our bistro
- isn't going to be causing tons of traffic. We're
- 12 12 seats. We're looking for a small, little
- 13 place.
- 14 Downtown area the restaurants have not
- 15 been successful. If I thought we could do it on
- our own, I wouldn't even put the gaming in there.
- 17 The gaming is going to help me keep my doors
- 18 open. As you see, I moved from five to four.
- 19 You know what I mean. I've added more restaurant
- 20 space. The reason we started out so small before
- 21 it's expensive. It's expensive. We were hoping
- 22 to start with just one bathroom. You know what I
- 23 mean. When you're starting a new business,
- 24 putting in 70-, \$80,000 of your hard earned --

- 1 it's my wife and I hard earned savings. It's our
- 2 life savings. Everyone said it's too small, it's
- 3 too small. Well, we secured a loan. We've got
- 4 money. We're going to put in a second bathroom.
- 5 We're going to try to improve the downtown area.
- 6 Personally, I would come to everyone's
- 7 house and make sure everyone is happy every week.
- 8 Is there anything wrong? Can I help you? Did
- 9 somebody leave a cup on the ground? I'll be
- 10 happy to come pick it up. I'll keep an eye on
- 11 it. I love Bartlett. We're here.
- 12 The one issue with the lady, she said
- 13 she's better off putting a pharmacy there. That
- 14 would be great. The issue is that she's
- mentioned that two months ago when she talked to
- 16 the landlord. She did call and inquire about it.
- 17 She's never seen the place. No one has actually
- 18 come and seen the place. They've gotten calls
- 19 people inquiring about it, but no one has
- 20 actually gone and looked at the place, so by
- 21 someone saying up here we're going to put this in
- 22 there, until they put it up in front of you, you
- 23 can't really come up and say don't give it to
- 24 him. I'm going to do this. I don't think that's

- 1 fair.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Let me ask this, obviously,
- 3 since you're opening up this type of
- 4 establishment, you've been to other establishments
- 5 like this, what kind of patrons are there? What
- 6 kind of customers are --
- 7 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Older people. The age is from
- 8 35 to 65. You've got a lot of older retirement
- 9 villages here and homes. It's a place for, like
- 10 I said, someone in the afternoon to come have a
- 11 bagel, have a flatbread, sit down outside, sit
- 12 inside, relax, read the paper. We switched our
- hours from 6:00 a.m. to noon, no liquor, no
- 14 gaming, just so we can be strictly a coffee shop
- 15 and bakery.
- A lot of trustees and the people in the
- 17 village said they wanted that. We're willing to
- 18 adjust. If I find out later on they want
- 19 something else, our menu will change. You know
- 20 what I mean. As a growing or beginning business,
- 21 you have to be able to change and make
- 22 modifications. I'm willing to work with the
- 23 city. I'm willing to do anything I can to start
- 24 my own business. I don't think it's fair to be

- 1 judged on something that they don't know that
- 2 much about. I mean, everyone is speculating.
- 3 I'm trying to tell everyone we're going to do
- 4 what you ask. I hope that answers your question.
- 5 MR. A. HOPKINS: That answers mine. I have
- 6 questions for Jim.
- 7 I know I asked this before, with the other
- 8 gaming establishments that are in town has --
- 9 what kind of police activity has been there or is
- there any noise violations or anything?
- 11 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Our police chief has stated
- 12 in public, and that question was put to him at a
- 13 committee meeting, he has no problems in any of
- 14 the video gaming facilities.
- 15 MR. A. HOPKINS: And then -- as some of the
- 16 residents have stated that this is a red herring,
- 17 that he's going to get in there and he's going to
- 18 change things. What happens if he opens up and
- 19 he deviates from his site plan and he only has
- 20 two bar stools there and he eliminates tables?
- 21 Is there anything that the Village can do to say,
- 22 hey, this is not what you said you were going to
- 23 do?
- 24 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: This site plan will be part

- 1 of an ordinance just like when you -- if it gets
- 2 recommended, there are conditions and findings of
- 3 fact. The site plan becomes part of that
- 4 ordinance. Deviating from it is tantamount to an
- 5 ordinance violation and the Village would enforce
- 6 that just like they do with any other site plans.
- 7 Just like if the industrial building doesn't
- 8 build what you saw tonight or Spring Lakes
- 9 doesn't build the playground that you saw, those
- 10 would constitute ordinance violations and we have
- 11 an enforcement procedure.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: And the same thing, if there
- is noise complaints or there is police activity,
- 14 you know, can the -- you know, what can the
- 15 Village do to basically the business owner?
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Well, a noise complaint would
- 17 be a nuisance complaint. He would be sent --
- 18 there would be a police call and he would be sent
- 19 a violation of that ordinance. There is a local
- 20 administrator that you could be subject to fines
- 21 for something like that. Police activity where
- 22 there is an arrest and that kind of stuff, I
- 23 wouldn't know exactly, but it would be just
- 24 handled like anywhere else in town.

- 1 MR. A. HOPKINS: All right. Thank you.
- 2 MR. CONNOR: I do have a question. Pete, in
- 3 your pro forma, do you have any percentage split
- 4 what you think your receipts will be between the
- 5 revenue from the restaurant and revenue from the
- 6 gaming?
- 7 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: 30 to 70. 30 percent gaming
- 8 and 70 percent from the food and liquor.
- 9 MR. CONNOR: Okay. The question about the
- 10 prep area or whatever, can you kind of tell us
- 11 how that's laid out?
- MR. ZAIKOWSKI: This area right here is the
- 13 kitchen and prep area. I know people were
- 14 concerned about where are we going to have
- 15 refrigeration and freezing. This bar countertop
- 16 here will have all refrigeration and freezers.
- 17 They'll be ten feet -- it's actually three -- two
- 18 refrigerators and one double freezer here. There
- 19 will be a double freezer back here with an ice
- 20 machine.
- On the top countertop is where we'll put
- 22 the oven and the coffee machine. I know people
- 23 were like how can they make coffee. Technology
- 24 is wonderful. As you saw that oven, there is a

- 1 machine that's not much bigger than that that
- 2 will make 30 different types of coffees. I don't
- 3 have to fill it. I mean, I just stock it and
- 4 fill it from time to time and you hit a button,
- 5 it makes your cappuccino, it makes your latte.
- 6 It makes everything that you want to. They're
- 7 expensive, but for a place this small we have to
- 8 make that investment so we can satisfy our
- 9 customers.
- 10 The sink area right there is where all the
- 11 prep work will be done. There will be a little
- 12 refrigerator with a shelf where you open it up
- and we can make our salads. We can do everything
- 14 right there. There is more than enough room.
- With the technology, and I know everyone
- 16 is worried about the space, they make so many
- 17 state of the art technology. They go above them.
- 18 There is drawers. It's amazing what we can do.
- 19 We've already planned it all out. If that's what
- 20 it takes, I'll be happy to show it to you as
- 21 well. (Indicating.)
- 22 MR. CONNOR: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone else have questions?
- MR. COOK: I have one for Jim. Jim, there was

- 1 some concern raised about the outdoor seating and
- 2 the sidewalk, the space on the sidewalk.
- 3 Has that been reviewed and does that fall
- 4 within the guidelines?
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We tried to depict it on
- 6 this picture. I don't know if you can see it,
- but this is, obviously, seven feet marked here
- 8 across the front and you've got a pretty wide
- 9 area here. You've got a full, you know,
- 10 four-foot wide concrete and then you've got the
- 11 brick paver area, so there is at least ten feet
- 12 of sidewalk. It's at least as wide, if not
- 13 wider, than some of our other outdoor seating
- 14 areas in the downtown and throughout the shopping
- 15 centers. There is plenty of room. (Indicating.)
- 16 MR. COOK: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone else?
- 18 We'll be looking for a motion to increase
- 19 the outdoor and indoor seating capacity.
- 20 MR. A. HOPKINS: Did you want to recognize
- 21 anybody else?
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: No. The hearing has been
- 23 closed -- increase the outdoor and indoor seating
- 24 capacity of the bistro and to alter the floor

- 1 plan to include two restrooms in conjunction with
- 2 a bistro video gaming establishment and a special
- 3 use permit to serve liquor and to include the
- 4 conditions and findings of fact.
- Is there a motion?
- 6 MR. MIASO: I make the motion to approve. So
- 7 moved.
- 8 MR. A. HOPKINS: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further discussion?
- 10 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes. I would like to let you
- 11 know that I object to the findings of fact.
- 12 Specifically, item J i and J ii. J i says their
- 13 proposed video gaming establishment serving
- 14 liquor and providing outdoor seating -- notice it
- doesn't mention restaurant, by the way -- at 300
- 16 Bartlett Avenue is desirable and will provide a
- 17 service and facility which is in the interest of
- 18 public convenience and will contribute to the
- 19 general welfare of the community.
- I object to that and I object to the
- 21 following one, that this use will not under the
- 22 circumstances of the particular case be
- detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or
- 24 general welfare of persons residing or working in

- 1 the vicinity or be injurious to property value or
- 2 improvement in the vicinity. That's my comment.
- 3 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I have a question. Can I ask
- 4 a question on that or no?
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: No.
- 6 MR. A. HOPKINS: I just want to say that, you
- 7 know, this came before us, obviously, before and
- 8 when I first saw -- when I looked at the old site
- 9 plan, this is just another business owner trying
- 10 to come in and take advantage of the gaming laws
- 11 and stuff; and when I saw it come back again and
- 12 the changes that he made -- I didn't like before
- 13 that there was nine total seats. I thought that
- 14 was ridiculous, and he's come back and he's added
- 15 a lot more seating.
- Obviously, the outdoor seating is not
- 17 going to get taken advantage much, but there is
- 18 at least 12 seats going to be on the inside now;
- 19 and as one of the people that spoke, I think it
- 20 was Judy where my concern was, you know, what
- 21 happens if you have a group of people and there
- 22 is only nine total seats, you couldn't bring a
- 23 group of people in there. Now, you can.
- 24 He's made changes. He lives in the

- 1 community. This is, obviously, something he's
- going to open up in the morning and have these
- 3 bakery items. I think this shows this is a
- 4 business owner that wants to make this
- 5 successful, wants to do good in the community, so
- 6 I commend you for coming back and making those
- 7 changes. I think that's important as a business
- 8 owner.
- 9 MR. KALLAS: I made it very clear in meetings
- when we've had this, and I made a comment back
- 11 then and I'll say it again, I'll be damned if I'm
- 12 going to have Bartlett another Las Vegas. I
- 13 mean, they're working on something now to limit
- 14 how many places we can have, which I would have
- 15 hoped they would have done this a long time ago,
- 16 but how many more places will come in and want
- 17 the same thing. The restaurants have them. As
- 18 long as you had a liquor license, you were
- 19 allowed to ask for the gambling, but how many
- 20 more places are going to come in like you, like
- 21 the ones that are here now that find on open
- 22 store, this is what we're going to do. How many
- 23 more places are we going to have like that? I
- 24 mean, I'm a resident of 42 years in this village

- and, like I said, there is no way I want to put
- 2 another gambling establishment in here.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any other comments?
- 4 MR. MIASO: I would just like to commend you
- 5 for working with the Village, for making the
- 6 investment, for coming back before us a second
- 7 time and showing your true commitment to the
- 8 Village of Bartlett. I know you live in
- 9 Bartlett, you love Bartlett, and, well, downtown
- 10 needs help, let's face it.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further comments?
- We have a motion and second. Secretary
- 13 call the roll.
- 14 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Miaso.
- 15 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- 16 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
- 17 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 18 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Hopkins.
- 19 MR. M. HOPKINS: No.
- 20 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jerry Kallas.
- 21 MR. KALLAS: No.
- 22 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Shane Cook.
- 23 MR. COOK: Yes.
- 24 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.

- 1 MR. CONNOR: Yes.
- 2 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Motion carried.
- 3 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Thank you for your time,
- 4 gentlemen.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 6 Next item on our agenda is old business/
- 7 new business.
- 8 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I don't have any old
- 9 business. I don't have any new business. We'll
- 10 probably have a meeting next month, so we've got
- 11 a couple of projects. There is another
- 12 subdivision that you've seen before that they
- 13 brought in their final, Bartlett Ridge, so that
- 14 will be coming back; and we have an amended
- annexation agreement, the Blue Heron Business
- 16 Park, they want to change some of their exterior
- 17 layout of the buffer zone, so that could be
- 18 coming back, so there will be something next
- 19 month, so mark your calendars.
- Just remember that eventually in December
- 21 you'll get your yearly reward for the Christmas
- 22 party.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: We get our raise of a hundred
- 24 percent, right?

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       MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That's right.
       MR. MIASO: You get two helpings.
       CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone on the commission
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     have any questions or comments?
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            Is there a motion to adjourn?
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       MR. COOK: One comment. Thanks for the water.
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       CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is there a motion to
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     adjourn?
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       MR. KALLAS: So moved.
       MR. CONNOR: Second.
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     LYNN M. EVANS, C.S.R., License #084-003473, a
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     Notary Public qualified and commissioned for the
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     PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM LEMBERG
        MR. MARK HOPKINS
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        MR. JOHN MIASO
        MR. JERRY KALLAS
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        MR. AUSTIN HOPKINS
        MR. TOM CONNOR
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        MR. SHANE COOK
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    ALSO PRESENT:
        MR. JIM PLONCZYNSKI, Community Development
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            Director.
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- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: I'd like to call to order
- 2 this meeting of the Bartlett Plan Commission for
- 3 October 8th, 2015, at 7:05.
- 4 Will the secretary call the roll.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jim Lemberg.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Here.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Hopkins.
- 8 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Miaso.
- 10 MR. MIASO: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jerry Kallas.
- 12 MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- 13 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Shane Cook.
- MR. COOK: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Here.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.
- 18 MR. CONNOR: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We have a quorum.

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- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: This evening we're going to
- 24 change the order that we have here for the minutes

- 1 and we're going to start off with the Spring
- 2 Lakes Mobile Home Estates, which will be item
- 3 15-18.
- 4 Okay. Jim, would you.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 6 This is a petition for Rocco DeFrenza, the
- 7 manager of Spring Lakes Mobile Home Estates at
- 8 100 First Avenue, for site plan review for a new
- 9 playground and parking spaces.
- 10 The petitioner is requesting to install a
- 11 .49-acre playground with 43 accompanying parking
- 12 spaces in the area behind the office/community
- 13 center. The playground would have various
- 14 playground equipment, a basketball court, bus
- 15 shelter. It would be lighted and landscaped.
- 16 There would be new sidewalks installed near the
- 17 playground and office building. 50 new parking
- 18 spaces added and 30 repaved and restriped parking
- 19 spaces.
- The playground will upgrade the property
- 21 and provide the children in the mobile home park
- 22 a safe place to play.
- The Village's Mobile Home Park MH-1
- 24 ordinance requires that any change to the

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- 1 property that requires a building permit has to
- 2 be approved through the site plan review process.
- 3 Stormwater detention and runoff from the
- 4 playground and parking space will be minimal and
- 5 accommodated in the existing stormwater system
- 6 and bond. The amount of impervious surface will
- 7 be reduced. As you will see in this slide, this
- 8 is what is existing and this is what it will be
- 9 when it's finished, so there will be a lot more
- 10 grass and wood chips installed and then there is
- 11 a landscape plan. Engineering plans are
- 12 currently being reviewed.
- 13 Staff recommends approval subject to the
- 14 findings of fact and conditions that are in your
- 15 packet.
- 16 If there are any questions, the petitioner
- is here or I can answer them.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any questions from the
- 19 members?
- 20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is the petitioner here this
- 22 evening?
- MR. DeFRENZA: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Do you wish to make any

- 1 further comments?
- 2 MR. DeFRENZA: No. Jim's got it pretty much
- 3 labeled out what we're trying to get at here.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Would you state your
- 5 name for the record, please.
- 6 MR. DeFRENZA: I'm Rocco DeFrenza, manager of
- 7 Spring Lakes Estates.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 Okay. Anybody have any questions for the
- 10 petitioner? No.
- 11 Okay. Then we will be looking for a
- 12 motion for approval of a site plan for a new
- 13 playground and parking and approval of the site
- 14 plan subject to the conditions and the finding of
- 15 fact.
- 16 MR. CONNOR: So moved.
- 17 MR. KALLAS: So moved.
- 18 MR. MIASO: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further discussion?
- 20 Secretary call the roll.
- 21 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.
- 22 MR. CONNOR: Yes.
- 23 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Miaso.
- 24 MR. MIASO: Yes.

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       MR. COOK: Yes.
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       MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
       MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes.
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        MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Motion carried.
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        CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay.
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        MR. DeFRENZA: Thank you, gentlemen.
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        CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
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                       PLAN COMMISSION
    IN RE THE MATTER OF:
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    (#15-19) Brewster Creek
    Business Park Lot 9L (Ridge
    BC-1) Site Plan Review.
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                   REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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                       October 8, 2015
                          7:00 P.M.
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                 PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken
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     before the Bartlett Plan Commission of the
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     above-entitled cause taken at the Village Hall,
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     228 South Main Street, Bartlett, Illinois, before
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     LYNN M. EVANS, C.S.R., License #084-003473, a
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     Notary Public qualified and commissioned for the
     State of Illinois.
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     PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM LEMBERG'
        MR. MARK HOPKINS
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        MR. JOHN MIASO
        MR. JERRY KALLAS
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        MR. AUSTIN HOPKINS
        MR. TOM CONNOR
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        MR. SHANE COOK
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     ALSO PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM PLONCZYNSKI, Community Development
            Director.
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- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: I'd like to call to order
- 2 this meeting of the Bartlett Plan Commission for
- 3 October 8th, 2015, at 7:05.
- Will the secretary call the roll.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jim Lemberg.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Here.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Hopkins.
- 8 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Miaso.
- MR. MIASO: Here.
- 11 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Jerry Kallas.
- MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Shane Cook.
- MR. COOK: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin Hopkins.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Here.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Tom Connor.
- 18 MR. CONNOR: Here.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: We have a quorum.

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- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: The next item on the agenda
- 24 is the Brewster Creek Business Park Lot 9L (Ridge

- 1 BC 1) site plan review. Angela is not here, so I
- 2 guess, Jim, you have it.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Angela is it a wedding
- 4 rehearsal dinner for a wedding tomorrow, so we're
- 5 a little short staffed.
- 6 This petition is also for site plan review
- 7 of Lot 9L in the Brewster Creek Business Park
- 8 known as Ridge BC 1. Don't ask me why.
- 9 The petitioner is requesting site plan
- 10 review for a 271,200 square-foot building. Your
- 11 packet says 267,880. They realized that they had
- 12 a different setback on the east side, so they
- 13 added five feet to the building along this
- 14 perimeter. It really doesn't change anything,
- 15 but move this wall five feet this way and
- 16 everything else is moved five feet this way.
- 17 It's still -- it's not required any variances or
- 18 anything. It's a 14.23-acre lot. It will be
- 19 next to the Cheese Merchants to the east.
- This is what the building will look like,
- 21 smooth precast gray finish and brown accents;
- 22 decorative staining, prefinished aluminum and
- 23 tinted glass entry windows. It will be 35 feet
- 24 high with an entrance of 39 feet; and if you

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- 1 recall, we just changed the building height on the
- 2 zoning ordinance basically to take -- accommodate
- 3 this building and probably others. There is a
- 4 request for higher interior clear space.
- 5 It shows 36 docks, four drive-in doors on
- 6 the east and west sides. Two curb cuts along
- 7 Schiferl Road.
- Requires 305 parking spaces for this use,
- 9 office and warehouse. The site plan identifies
- 10 319, including 8 handicap. There is also 58
- 11 land-banked future spaces provided -- which are
- 12 provided, which would bring the total to 377 cars.
- 13 It's anticipated that this building will
- 14 be divided into four, but it's possible it could
- 15 go to one, though it has that potential.
- Staff recommends approval of the site plan
- 17 subject to, again, the findings of fact and the
- 18 conditions that are in your packet. If you have
- 19 any questions, I'll try to answer them; and I
- 20 think the petitioner's representative is here
- 21 somewhere. It's Mr. Dublo who you know from a
- 22 building earlier this year.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Any questions from
- 24 the members at this time?

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- 1 MR. M. HOPKINS: How is trash handled in the
- 2 facility?
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I'll let Jeff answer that
- 4 because we have a condition, as you can see, if
- 5 there is future trash enclosures on the outside
- 6 they have to be constructed. I think he's going
- 7 to go by every week and pick it up and put it in
- 8 his trunk.
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second job.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Would you state your name
- 11 and address, please.
- MR. DUBLO: Jeff Dublo, 1000 Kingsmill Drive,
- 13 Algonquin.
- 14 The review came -- the review from staff
- and throughout the site plan trash enclosures, so
- 16 we're going to show future trash enclosures if
- 17 the tenants don't want to roll it in and out every
- 18 day. Basically, we're going to locate them -- I
- 19 guess the -- where the land-banked stalls are and
- 20 starting to turn into the drive-in doors, there
- 21 is an area there is no pavement right now, so
- 22 we're going to call those out as future areas as
- 23 needed.
- 24 MR. M. HOPKINS: Would you point that out on

- 1 the site plan?
- 2 MR. DUBLO: On the curve, Jim, is where it
- 3 would be. On the curve going into the drive-in
- 4 door.
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Down in here, right, or this
- 6 side? (Indicating.)
- 7 MR. DUBLO: On the sides, so where you have
- 8 the drive-in doors at.
- 9 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: They're in here somewhere?
- 10 (Indicating.)
- 11 MR. DUBLO: Yes.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Here they are. There is one
- 13 two, three, four, so those areas. (Indicating.)
- MR. M. HOPKINS: Second question is, is roof
- 15 top equipment over the office area screened?
- MR. DUBLO: Yes, that's a requirement from
- 17 this village.
- MR. M. HOPKINS: That's all I have.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone else any questions?
- Okay. Then we will be looking for a
- 21 motion for a site plan review for Lot 9L in
- 22 Brewster Creek Business Park, Unit 1, located in
- 23 the southeast corner of Hecht Drive with the
- 24 approval of the -- subject following conditions

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     and finding of fact.
            We have a motion?
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        MR. COOK: So moved.
        MR. CONNOR:
                     Second.
        CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further discussion?
            Secretary call the roll.
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       MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Motion carried.
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                    Thank you.
       MR. DUBLO:
       CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Thank you.
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