

Village of The Branch Planning Board Meeting
August 16th, 2023
Track #74

The Planning Board meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at Village Hall, 40 Route 111 Smithtown, NY at 7:30 p.m. on August 16th, 2023.

The following persons were present:

John Carro- Acting Chairman	Christine Cozine- Village Clerk
Valerie Lindeman- Member	Dan Falasco – Village Engineer
Michael Kelly – Member	Maureen Fitzgerald- Member
Glenn Haberfield – Member not present	

John Carro, acting Chairman due to Libby Smith illness, called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

John Carro made a **motion** to accept the May 17, 2023, Planning Board Minutes. Mike Kelly seconded the **motion**, all in favor and approved unanimously. Maureen Fitzgerald abstained since not present at the meeting.

Charge Smart LLC- Christian Spenziero representing – Mr. Spenziero said only looking to do 1200am service at Branch shopping center at this time instead of both shopping centers. Need to install a mid-span pole due the satellite view before PSEG had input, then will go underground into the transformer which feeds into the pad and then into the EV chargers. PSEG will secure all DOT permits. The Board asked them to move the transformer to the existing cement slab and Mr. Spenziero said they would if the setbacks allowed. The Board also asked to possibly move the handicap spot to the right by the cement slab. Mr. Spenziero mentioned the screens do not offer advertising and the lights that are on the stations will be green lights which will match the color of shopping center. The backside will be illuminated. The unit is 70 inches tall, 30 inches wide and 26 inches deep. The Board is worried about the lighting distracting the drivers on the road.

The QR code is located on the sign of the stations, CCS 1 plug. The pad will be prefab concrete, bollards in front of each station and they will be green also.

The Branch Shopping Center will need to change completely.

Dan Falasco, our Village Engineer asked about the property line? Is there sufficient room between the back of road and sidewalk. Will you need to cut the road? Mr. Spenziero said no and worse case it will come into the parking space.

Mr. Kelly asked about moving the stations to the median area of the parking lot and Mr. Spenziero said it wasn't a good fit and couldn't keep the ADA handicap spot.

Phase 1 – site work

Phase 2 – install stations.

Phase 3 – PSEG will install pole.

Can take 2-4 weeks.

Chairman Carro asked if they let tenants know about this. Mr. Dylan from Acadia Trust Realty said not really, since it is not in their lease to get permission from tenants.

John Carro made a **motion** to accept the site plans with the condition of making the changes as noted. Mike Kelly seconded the **motion**, all in favor and approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be September 20th, 2023, to give final approval.

Valerie Lindeman asked if landscaping will be in the next set of plans. Also asked about the time frame of the Branch shopping center. Mr. Spenziero said still working on them and possibly by September 1, 2023.

Chairman Carro made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:18pm. Valerie Lindeman seconded the **motion**, all in favor and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by
Christine Cozine – Village Clerk