Village of Skaneateles
Planning Board Meeting
November 7, 2013

In the matter of the application by **Robert Gadjo (representing Lakeshore Baseball)** for Site Plan Approval to construct two 140 SF dugouts adjacent to the baselines at **Sims Field at Austin Park** in the Village of Skaneateles.

Present: Bruce Kenan, Chairman
William Eberhardt, Member
Douglas Sutherland, Member
Carol Stokes-Cawley, Member

Riccardo Galbato, Attorney for the Planning Board
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Planning Board

Robert Eggleston, Architect, on behalf of the Applicant

James Lanning, Village Trustee
Tim McNally, Skaneateles

Chairman Kenan called this portion of the meeting to order at 8:07 pm, announcing the application of Lakeshore Baseball to build 2 dugouts at Sims Field in Austin Park. Mr. Eggleston introduced himself and presented, "I am working with Robert Gadjo who represents the Lakeshore Baseball group. In Austin Park – this is a public lands property – there are no set-back requirements, but it is required that any use or change of use have a site plan review. That's why we are here. In upper Austin Park off of State Street, we have 3 ball fields. This north field has the lights on it for night games and is used by the girls modified high school team and the JV softball. There's a field over here and then this is the Sims Field, which is a grass infield, where these are dirt infield. They also have a plan where they superimpose soccer fields on here. They have a large field here and some practice areas that work around the existing permanent backstops. I have photos with the soccer net."

Mr. Eggleston continued, "What they would like to do is provide dugouts for this field. Each of the fields has dugouts that are defined by just fences. We will do 2 identical dugouts 6 foot by 21 feet, block on 3 sides. There are openings on the back for ventilation. There will be an 8 foot fence that comes up to the bottom of the roof shelter – it's just a shed roof. All of the caged areas are 20 feet up here for Little League. What it will be is a block structure, an architectural block, and then they are looking to sell bricks that will be part of the fundraising. So we have a 2 foot course of brick that will be these dedication bricks placed around this band – that will be on the sides, across the back. And then we continue with the architectural block and then we have a metal shed roof. We have set it up so you have the 8 foot protection here—one can come into

the dugout here but to come out onto the field you come over here. The idea is to provide the appropriate protection for kids in the dugout and reasonable access. There will be 2 permanent fixtures here; we're trying to make them a quality, durable material."

Chairman Kenan, "And is the thought that there will be four more built as time goes on?" Mr. Eggleston, "I have not heard that at all. They thought let's do it for this field. I believe this is one component of an overall restoration of the fields. I think there's about a $50,000 budget for restoring -- I'm not sure if it is all 3 fields or just 2 fields. Are there any questions?"

Trustee Lanning asked, "What's the elevation on the back side?" Mr. Eggleston, "It is; the back elevation is 7 foot 6 or 7 foot 5.5 to the bottom of the beam. What we're going to use is timbers that are 3 foot on center here and we'll have a plank ceiling with metal on top. The idea is you don't want exposed metal for kids or vandals to poke at – so there will be an exposed timber rafter, planking, so really you have almost 8 feet by the time you are there. Then the front is 9 feet to the bottom of the beam." Member Eberhardt, "What's the color of the metal roof?" Mr. Eggleston, "I haven't talked color with them yet. We'll have kind of a red brick; I'm thinking it will be a natural color block – either a gray or a color tone. You've got the Sims pavilion up there which is stone and concrete. You have the wooden picnic pavilion which is more of a wood finish. I know they have green down at the high school field. I'm not thinking it is anything loud or shouty; probably a green or brown or something like that."

Trustee Lanning asked, "Do they sit at grade?" Mr. Eggleston, "They are at grade. [Multiple conversations] I believe the maintenance is taken care of by the Town." Chairman Kenan said, "So this is a case where Lakeshore Baseball operates the sports activity on the property, the Town manages the property as a part of the Parks Department and the Village owns the property. So our role is a site plan approval request, but I believe you need approval by both the Village and the Town. Does anyone have a motion to propose?"

Member Eberhardt said, "I'll make a motion that we approve the Site Plan for the dugouts as drawn on the application dated October 20, 2013 for Lakeshore Baseball. Further we find that this is an unlisted action receiving uncoordinated review and make a finding of no significant environmental impact." Member Sutherland seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, Chairman Kenan declared that the motion is approved.

This portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards