

Report of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center Public Hearing of Darien Lake Holdings, LLC held on Monday, October 23, 2017, 4:00 PM – Darien Town Hall – 10569 Alleghany Road, Darien Center, NY

I. ATTENDANCE

Chris Suozzi, VP of Business Development, Genesee County EDC
Betsy Richardson, Staff Accountant, Genesee County EDC
Michael Plitt, Town of Darien Councilman
Chris Thorpe, Darien Lake Theme Park

II. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing of Darien Lake Holdings, LLC was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Darien Town Hall.

A notice of this public hearing describing the project was published in the Batavia Daily News, a copy of which is attached and is an official part of this transcript.

III. PROJECT SUMMARY

Darien Lake is planning to construct a new ride for the 2018 season. This ride is still confidential. The company is planning to invest approx. \$4.5M and retain 398 jobs. The company is seeking assistance with a sales tax exemption valued at approx. \$360,000.

IV. COMMENTS

Michael Plitt shared that in the past there had been Community Benefit Agreements (CBA) put in place related to Darien Lake projects that provided a monetary benefit to the community of Darien. All the funds have since dried up and no such benefits are happening anymore. The fire department is asking for more money and a CBA would be helpful. The Town of Darien is getting the same benefit as other municipalities in the county, but they do not have to deal with the noise, garbage, etc. that the residents of Darien must deal with. He understands what a benefit Darien Lake Theme Park is to the Town and to the County but hopes that the GCEDC and the Town can become better partners in the future in providing benefits to the municipalities and not just to companies.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was closed at 4:15 PM.