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New Chobani Site Plans Approved by Rome Planning Board

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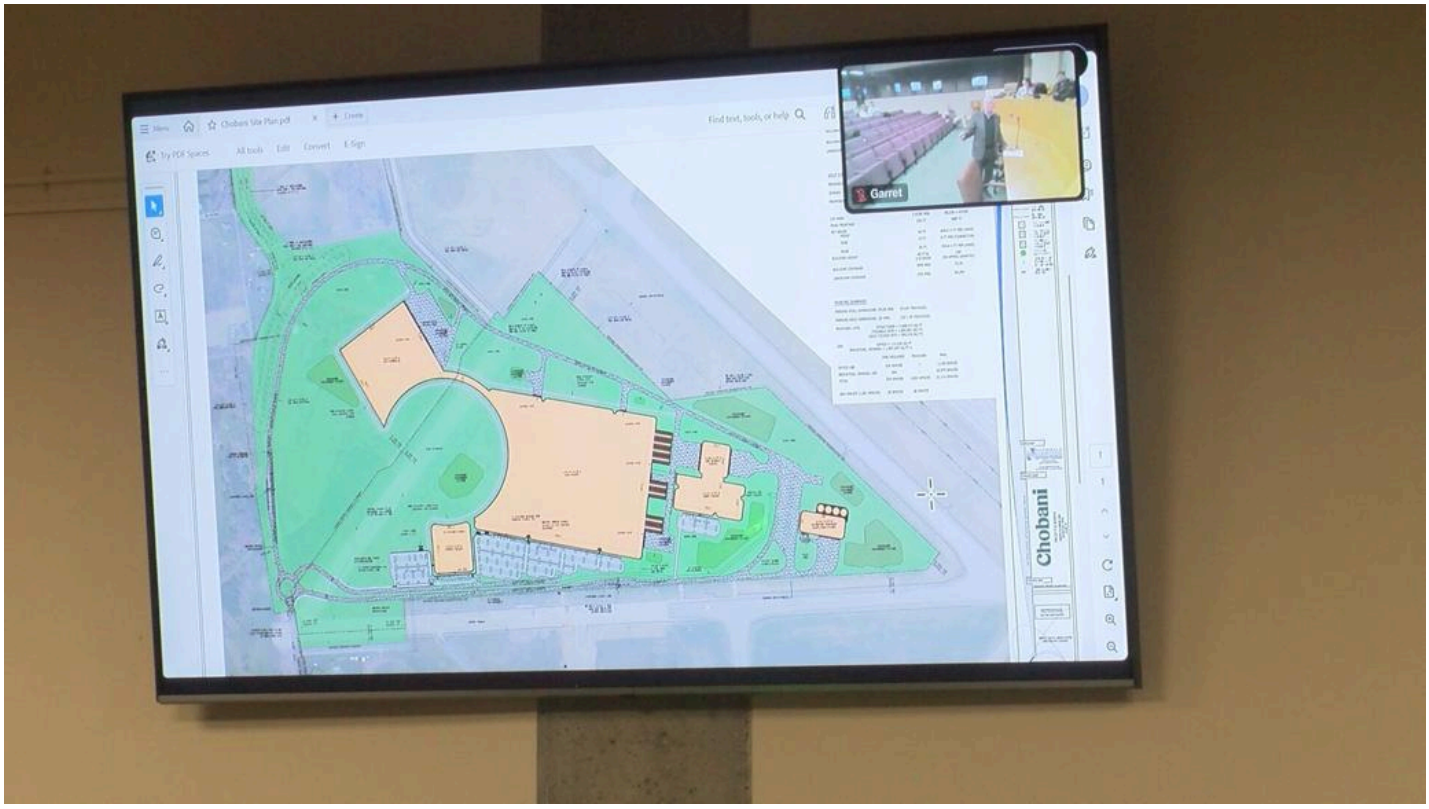

ROME, N.Y. -- Chobani brought its new site changes to the Rome Planning Board on Tuesday night.

Those changes were approved.

This is Chobani's third site plan submission after their second one was approved late last year.

Now, the new plan changes parts of the layout.

Mark Esposito, the chairperson of the Board, said one of the big changes is that the facility will no longer have a fruit processing plant in response to neighbors' concerns.

Esposito said the removal of the plant will allow Chobani to move the plant over 250 feet farther away from the property lines of residents nearby.

The space for trucks has also been moved away from residential areas.

They will also consolidate the driver building and wastewater treatment plant into one.

During the presentation to the board, Chobani's attorney, Kevin McAuliffe from Barclay Damon LLP, said they will also drop the speed limit to 25 miles per hour.

There will also be signs pointing out zero usage of Jake Brakes.

"There were neighbors that had concerns over noise and sight lines, and Chobani representatives really went the extra mile," said Esposito.

He said Chobani representatives held a meeting on Jan. 21 with neighbors to hear their concerns.

"The feedback that we got from the neighbors is they really did a good job, listened. Not only that made substantive changes to alleviate and address the concerns of the members of the community," said Esposito.

Originally, Chobani was leasing over 168 acres on the golf course from Oneida County, but now the acreage has been reduced to 93 acres.

Overall, the food processing plant's footprint has not changed.

Moving forward, Chobani has to acquire the necessary permits.

They also look to clear trees from the triangle parcel before March due to a bat population.

Esposito said Chobani plans to get their first milk into the facility in 2027.

Construction will last through 2026, and it will take several years for the facility's seven production lines to become operational.

However, these new plans have not changed the construction timeline.

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