

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday,
April 30, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Lansing Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. A Zoom option was also provided.

Present at the meeting:

Planning Board Members: Mike Baker, Lorraine Capogrossi, Pat Gillespie, Jim McCauley and Lisa Schleelein.

Alternate Member: Yamila Fournier

Village Legal Counsel: Natalie French

Village Engineer: Absent

Village Trustee Liaison: Susan Ainslie (Zoom)

Village CEO: Michael Scott

Public included: Carla Marceau representing the Community Party and Kathleen Yen

Approval of the Minutes

Gillespie moved to approve the April 8, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Schleelein.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie and Schleelein.

Nays: None

Abstain: McCauley

Public Comment Period:

Susan Ainslie as Trustee liaison. Carla Marceau is observing for the Community Party.

McCauley moved to close the Public Comment period. Seconded by Capogrossi.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie, McCauley and Schleelein.

Nays: None

Baker read the following agenda item:

Discussion of Possible Tree Law Changes

Scott provided calculations on Northeast Pediatrics for required tree units if proposed new parameters were approved. As the Tree Law states now, calculated area to determine required tree units included the size of the lot minus easements and wetlands. It has been proposed to include the deduction of required parking spaces to the calculation. The result of the new calculated required units was much more reasonable.

There was a brief discussion whether a building should become part of the equation for calculated unit area.

45 Because commercial property has no maximum lot coverage, the Planning Board will not use the
46 building square footage as a deduction to the calculated unit area. However, residential lots will
47 include any principal building square footage as a deduction.

48 The Planning Board asked Scott to calculate some examples using the new deductions.

49 There was a discussion about possibly allowing special consideration for large commercial
50 facilities with large parking lots to implement a planting plan over a certain period of time.

51 Baker stated that most of the remaining review of the Tree Law should be done during or after a
52 presentation from a local landscape professional.

53 There was discussion about what types of trees should be planted in certain areas and whether
54 having a mix of types would be beneficial or harmful.

55 French wanted to be careful using language to dictate what type and how many of a certain type
56 tree would be required. Not everyone has the same taste regarding landscaping.

57 Schleelein suggested the Village provide a list of trees and shrubs that tend to flourish in our
58 area.

59 The Planning Board reviewed the required density of parking lot trees.

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61 Baker read the following agenda item:

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63 **Discussion of Proposed Solar Law Changes**

64 Baker is still reviewing the Board of Trustee suggested changes and will provide a summary
65 before the next meeting.

66 **Trustee Report**

67 Capogrossi gave a breakdown of the April 15th Board of Trustee Meeting

68 The meeting can be seen on YouTube.

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70 **Other Business**

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72 There was a short discussion about the Lansing Meadows extension deadline.

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74 **Adjournment**

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76 Gillespie moved to adjourn at 8:13. Seconded by McCauley.

77 Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie, McCauley and Schleelein.

78 Nays: None

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80 Minutes taken by: Michael Scott, CEO