

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Planning Board of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, March 4, 2002, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Janet Beebe, Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold and Frank Moore; Planning Board members Ned Hickey, Doris Brown, Phil Dankert, Carol Klepack, Maria Stycos; Ben Curtis, Code & Zoning Officer; Bill Troy, Village Attorney.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the Board of Trustees to order and Planning Board Chairman Ned Hickey called the Planning Board to order at 7:35P.M. Mayor Hartill opened the public comment period for the Board of Trustees. There were no comments.

Motion- To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Janet Beebe moved to close the public comment period. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

Ned Hickey opened the public comment period for the Planning Board. There were no comments.

Motion- To Close the Public Comment Period

Planning Board member Phil Dankert moved to close the public comment period. Planning Board Member Carol Klepack seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Ned Hickey-Aye	Doris Brown-Aye
Phil Dankert-Aye	Carol Klepack-Aye
Maria Stycos-Aye	

Tom Mack & Rick Manning presented the Final Report-Draft of the NYS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Tom is relatively new to Tompkins County Planning and Rick was hired as a consultant to Trowbridge & Wolf Landscape Architects. Rick explained that the primary reason for creating this plan is to increase our chances for getting funding. The County received funding from the Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund to prepare the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). Those involved are Tompkins County, Town and Village of Lansing, Town & City of Ithaca, Village of Cayuga Heights and Town of Ulysses. The question the County asked was how could we enhance the quality of Cayuga Lake. Since so many different municipalities are involved, the plan is moderate to accommodate everyone involved. The lead agency for the project is the Town of Lansing.

This draft plan is being taken to all the communities involved to get their comments. The draft will then be revised. Once all the municipalities approve the plan it will go to the Department of State for their adoption, then it will be official.

A detailed inventory was done to identify issues the plan should address. A series of public meeting were held and a number of projects and issues emerged. One big idea is to preserve open space. The problem is there is not a lot of county owned property. The feeling is that if a potential project is in the LWRP it will have a better chance of getting funding.

Noise was another big issue. Many were concerned with the jet skis and cigarette boats on the lake. The problem is that the decibel levels for these crafts in general are within the State Guidelines for noise regulations. The plan includes trying to control noise from boats and increase boater safety by strengthening and enforcing boating regulations. The new proposed regulations include a 10 mph night and 45mph day speed limit, increasing the existing 5mph zone from 100' to 200' from the shoreline and adopting hours of operation for personal watercraft from 9am to dusk. The Mayor commented that most sailboats go faster than 5mph. Don asked how widely the boat regulations have been discussed with the boating population. Rick could not say but they want feedback. The final public meeting is March 16, 2002. Don suggested notifying everyone that rented slips. There are already State regulations for boats and these regulations don't agree with what is being proposed in the LWRP.

The public had a few questions for Rick & Tom. Piotr Parasiewicz of 49 Janivar Drive was concerned with the aesthetics of the shoreline of the flood channel. This is not part of the plan and he feels it should be. Rick stated the Army Corps of Engineers controls the flood control channel. Lynn stated that it was a very nice place to walk.

It was also asked if there were any plans for a beach at Stewart Park. The LWRP only addresses improving the edges. The water quality is low there. The general consensus was that this would never again be a swim area. Mother Nature has dumped large quantities of silt in this area and they are trying to be realistic. Jim Tull commented that the County Planning Department has a plan to make an island that would produce a barrier to protect a swim area. The plan was dropped because it was considered not feasible. Piotr voiced his concerns further in that we have a beautiful lake that we can't access or even rent a boat on any more. It was pointed out that there is a pocket park by lakesource cooling that one may access the lake from. They have built a nice pavilion by the old sailing club. There is also Meyers Park in Lansing which is very beautiful and has a swim area. Ned Hickey thinks to have a complete plan, it needs to address Stewart Park.

The Village has a Greenway Plan and Ned ask how this fits into the LWRP. Rick & Tom were unaware of this and would like to see it. Another area that wasn't included in the LWRP was Poison Ivy Point. This is property in the Village along the water that cannot be accessed because the railroad will not offer an easement unless we pay a large sum of money yearly.

Ned asked the Planning Board to review the LWRP and get their comments to Jodi. After this, the Mayor will write a letter to Tompkins County Planning expressing the Village's concerns and recommendations. A copy of our Greenway Plan will also be sent.

The Board set the date, time and location for this year's election.

Resolution #3840- Village of Lansing Elections

Be it RESOLVED, that the annual elections for the Village of Lansing will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the Fire Hall on Oakcrest Road, between the hours of Noon and 9:00 in the evening on said day with the compensation for election officials to be set at \$60.00 per person.

Trustee Janet Beebe moved that this resolution be adopted and Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

Next on the agenda was the approval of the Board of Trustees February 13th & 18th minutes.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for February 13th & 18th, 2002

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are

hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

It was decided that the Pyramid Planned Sign Area item on the agenda would be tabled until after the BZA meeting. The Village has received an appeal to the Village of Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals (BZA) from Bradley C. Grey, a Village resident who resides at 45 Dart Drive. The appeal challenges the issuance of Building and Land Use Permit #1701 for a proposed Target Department Store at the Pyramid Mall. Mr. Gray's attorneys argues that pursuant to the requirements of New York State Village Law 7-712-a(6), the filing of this appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from. Since the Pyramid Planned Sign Area includes signage for Target Bill felt we should table the issue until after the BZA hearing on March 19th. The Board did not actually discuss the 86 page appeal. The Mayor agreed that we should postpone the discussion and keep this issue as clean and clear cut as possible.

Ben Curtis recommended that the Trustees authorize 3 Temporary Certificates of Occupancy which would all expire October 1, 2002. We have the typical winter problem that landscaping can't be completed. The Moldflow building will be substantially completed by the end of March. However, the site work and landscaping will not be completed until later in the spring or summer. The Demer residence at 48 Wedgewood Drive will be substantially completed by the end of this week. They would like to move in as soon as possible. Final grading and installation of their lawn, culvert caps and survey will be completed later in the spring. John & Linda Longhouse at 5 Autumn Ridge Drive will also be substantially completed by the end of the week. Final grading and installation of their lawn will also be completed in the spring. As usual, all life safety issues for the use of the buildings will be complete. Ben recommended that the security deposit for the residential properties be \$500 but after some discussion the Board decided that \$200 would be more appropriate.

Resolution #3841-To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to Moldflow with an Expiration date of October 1, 2002 and a Nominal Security Deposit of \$10,000.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that a Temporary CO be issued and Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

Resolution #3842-To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to 48 Wedgewood Drive with an Expiration date of October 1, 2002 and a Nominal Security Deposit of \$200.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that a Temporary CO be issued and Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

Resolution #3843-To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to 5 Autumn Ridge Drive with an Expiration date of October 1, 2002 and a Nominal Security Deposit of \$200.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that a Temporary CO be issued and Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	Trustee
Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye		

Next on the agenda was a discussion on Greenway & Urban Forestry. While reading the spring issue of Planning News, Ned found an article on “Ten Steps for a Walkable Community” which was distributed to everyone. The article talks about public places, which is something he feels we should consider when designing N. Triphammer Road.

Frank stated that in the past Greenway was blended in with beautification and trees. Frank feels we should couple Greenway with sidewalks and roads. Phil Dankert agreed that we should provide safer means for getting around in the Village. The real work for the Greenspace Advisory Council should be to figure out what is possible to complete now. Ned, Lynn & Frank have all offered to be on this committee and Frank suggested forgetting about the general public and have it be more of a government board. Ned thinks that we need representatives from the neighborhoods that we are looking at. This would mean having a core committee then neighborhoods on an ad hoc basis. It would be more project oriented. Frank will work on a mission statement.

The Mayor explained that what has happened in the past is that money which has been budgeted for this hasn't been spent. The reason the trail across Viola Miller's property hasn't been completed was due to a lack of an easement. We have received that easement so this is a project that can move forward. Another project that is ready is the bridge that goes over the stream on Swartout's property. We have received the easement so this bridge can be built to connect to a trail that goes down the sewer line. Ned stated that someone needs to let Dennis know.

Doris Brown has been reading a lot on urban forestry. One of the main points is municipalities don't know the value of the trees they have. There are also recommendations on how many trees per acre and their value. This involves looking at the trees we have in the Village and learning how we need to take care of them. Presently no one is taking care of village trees. This issue will become even more important as we start to plant along N. Triphammer Rd. Don feels we should push for larger and fewer trees. Bill Troy suggested we think before agreeing to take care of trees on private property because along with this comes liability. Ned stated that he was talking of trees only on Village land.

The first step the Village will take is to figure out where our trees are. Then we should contact a forester to come in and tell us what needs to be done. Carol Klepack agreed to develop a map that shows all the trees that belong to the Village. The Village of Cayuga Heights has a forester, David Pimental, whom we may be able to contact. Another option was to contact a local nursery.

One problem that we have is Route 13 running through the Village and isolating the park on the southside. It also isolates the shopping opportunities. When NYSDOT re decks the bridge this summer, they will also be installing pedestrian signals adjacent to Route 13, which should help for those residents in the apartments that walk over to shop. Ned stated that the Northeast Transportation Study supported a walkway over Route 13 up towards Warren road. To do this on the southside would be easy but on the northside we would need access to Dart Drive.

Ned asked if the idea of having a “Village Center” was still alive. Previously we had discussed the idea of moving the firehouse to the corner of Oakcrest across from the Village Office, which would have a room attached that was for village use and ballfields and a nice little village center. Maria Stycos asked if the Village needs such a space and questioned whether an assessment should be done. Maria knows someone who is an expert in this area and she will approach him on this issue. This will be a discussion for a future Planning Board meeting.

Phil Dankert will check with the Lansing Fire Department to see if they are going to remodel the present firehouse on Oakcrest Rd. or if they are considering the possibility of moving it to the corner and what their timeframe is. The Mayor explained that the Village alone could not afford to buy the property across the street. The current firehouse is on a parcel that was discussed as being used for another purpose. This won't happen so the fire department would not have the money from that to pay for the corner property. With the reconstruction of N. Triphammer Rd. we have a 15

ft wide strip along the road and we could definitely do sitting areas along there to make it more pedestrian friendly. In the past the parcel across from the Village Office was considered for senior housing. Ned wasn't sure we need more senior housing and that in conjunction with the sewer moratorium is why it wasn't done.

The Mayor gave the Planning Board the mission of coming up with a design for the 14 acres of property that the Village has received from the Edelman's. This could be another excellent opportunity for a pocket park.

The Mayor suggested that he, Larry, Lynn and Ben discuss the conference room communication system at 11:30 Wednesday before the noon staff meeting. The Mayor is concerned with the technology choice.

Next on the agenda was Mayor's comments. The sewer issue is progressing slowly. The Village of Cayuga Heights has elected to be a full partner. We have a draft agreement that is very close to being completed. The first public hearing is April 15th. The sewer agreement would involve 6 municipalities and would be similar to the management structure of the Bolton Point water system. Don will write a 2-page summary to circulate to the Boards to explain this in detail.

The main concern with the sewer agreement is what excess capacity means. The City of Ithaca has decided they don't want to be forced to sell their excess capacity. The Town of Ithaca is much more agreeable and they have most of the excess capacity. If one would take the water consumption and divide it by the number of houses you would come up with the average gallons per day to be 150-170. If you take this premise and the build out for the village it would be 150-200,000 gallons of capacity the Village would need. Don has offered to pay \$2 per gallon. The Town of Lansing is in a different situation because they have to buy for each district. As a Village we are only one sewer district. The actual cost for the town may be very high and the Mayor is unsure if it will get by the State Controller. The joint enterprise will probably happen in late fall. The first step will be the Kline Rd. Bypass that reconnects the VCH to the old Ithaca sewer plant. The Village has already completed the engineering for this.

The Village has just completed flushing, vacuuming and video taping our sewer lines. We've found significant leaks on Brook Drive and Graham Road. If we seal off 1000 gallons a day we get one sewer unit. The leak on Brook Drive is 60,000 gallons, which translates to 60 sewer units.

This construction season the State will be redecking the bridge over Route 13 and the County will be redoing the north end of N. Triphammer Rd. from the village line to Route 34B. Don meets with the NYSDOT next Tuesday to understand the plan for traffic while the bridge over Route 13 is being repaired. He believes that Burdick Hill Road will be the temporary detour. Then next year we will start our reconstruction of N. Triphammer Rd. We will need to maintain some level of traffic on N. Triphammer Road.

Steve Farkas and Don will be meeting with the County to try and do something about Warren Road that is under utilized. The reason it is under utilized is because it doesn't connect to 34B. The property at the end of Warren Road was available for sale a few years ago but the County never did anything about it. There is open property to the west of Warren Road, which would make it possible to move it. The airport is talking about extending its runways and Warren Rd. is currently in the way. The airport would like to do this in an attempt to get other airlines in.

A few water lines in the village need to be replaced. The line on Cayuga Heights Rd. has broken many times and will be done when Cayuga Heights Rd. is resurfaced this summer.

Elections are 4/23/02 and the Mayor would be very interested in hearing residents comments. He asks the boards to forward any comments received to him.

Larry asked the Mayor if NYSDOT has released any documents regarding engineering firms that we may select from to do our N. Triphammer Rd. Project design. He hadn't yet but went on to explain that since the village is going to self administer this project we must follow strict federal guidelines. There have already been 15 firms selected so we are getting that information. The process is a little different in that we select a firm on product not on price.

Maria asked to talk further with Frank on his thoughts on the Greenway Plan. She understands that it's project oriented

and we are keeping the original design but wondered what would be new about this committee. Frank feels the plan is subject to revision based on reality. He feels the village should focus on things that can happen and turn these ideas and thoughts into action. The Planning Board has discussed views and one is a pond and grove of trees on Sundowns property. Maria wondered if there was some way to preserve this view. Right now we don't have a set aside there. Maria suggested writing a letter to the property owner to see if he has any comment. Ned feels this is very difficult and would rather wait until we are discussing our 6%. Focus should be on what we already have.

The Mayor entertained a motion to have a joint adjournment.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Carol Klepack moved adjournment. Trustee Doris Brown seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Ned Hickey-Aye
Phil Dankert-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye
Maria Stycos-Aye
Doris Brown-Aye
Carol Klepack-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk