

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, August 21, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan, John O'Neil and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow. There were 15 additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:33pm and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Monaghan made a motion to close the public comment period.
Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Shops at Ithaca Mall Presentation

Ken Farrall of CMC Engineering was present to give an overview of what they want to do with the Shops at Ithaca Mall. His client buys shopping centers, renovates and looks at see how to turn them around. They have found that subdivision of the property works very well. Shop owners want to own their own property. When stores are downsizing, they tend to first close the ones they lease. Tenants invest into the property and it gives the tenant a buy into the mall. They've done this all over the country and have found it to be a good business model. The question Ken had for the Board was how to approach this. Creating a Planned Development Areas (PDA) may make more sense. They want to be able to have recreation or medical uses also. The issue for them is how to get it faster to market. An empty mall doesn't benefit anyone. Ken was instructed to come first to the Board of Trustees. The new owners want to get moving right away. One of their future plans is to turn the vacant parking lot in front of the mall behind the Ramada into an extended stay hotel. This area doesn't have that much here like that. If doing this as a PDA can be move the process along quicker than they would be interested in proceeding in that way but if it takes a long time they would do the variance route. Their choice is to do whatever is fastest. They are looking at about 6 or 7 possible subdivisions but only 5 right now. Tenants want to buy their land. There would be an Easement Covenant Cross Access and Restrictions (ECCR) where they would be owners but would still pay for such things as maintenance, plowing and security. Nothing will change physically once the subdivisions are done. They have found that when they do this smaller mall stores stay because they see others are staying. Big tenants are invested because they bought their parcels.

Hartill asked if a person parks in theater, could they shop the other stores. The ECCR easement would be signed by all tenants so it would be possible. Hartill stated that the Village of Lansing has been trying to get Graham Road West turned over to the village. Ken stated that if the Village wants it they can have it.

Mayor Hartill is interested in proceeding with a PDA, if the Board agrees, which would be more flexible than subdivided lots. The Board also suggested the PDA route.

Hardaway asked where they would move the malls current salt storage that is located behind the Ramada to build a hotel. Ken stated that it t would be worked out to the Villages satisfaction.

Attorney Dubow stated that he has looked at our regulations on a PDA and the minimum is 5 acres, which is not a problem with the property. Dubow and the Board would like to see some documentation on the project. Ken had previously sent an email to Adam as to what they are looking for. The ECCR document would need to spell out cross easements. A PDA will have to go thru the procedural guidelines. Appendix 1-2 sets forth the requirements along with the zoning code as well. Ken stated that their attorney will contact Dubow. Dubow and the Boards will want to see their plan. The beauty of a PDA is flexibility. The next step will be to get as much info as possible.

Adam will have to share discussions.

Resolution #6420-Supportive of Shops at Ithaca Mall Proceeding with a Planned Development Area

Trustee O'Neill made a motion to accept this resolution. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

After getting the above information, the next step is to go to the Planning Board and possibly schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees. The Mall attorney, who is in Chester County outside of Philadelphia, will contact Dubow to find out procedures. Ken reiterated that they do this nationally for this client. They manage and get the approvals for him.

Approval of August 7, 2017 Minutes

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of August 7, 2017

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Abstain	

Cancel September 14, 2017 meeting.

Hardaway and Dake will be attending the NYCOM Conference that week and O'Rourke is out of town. Monaghan may also be gone since he couldn't attend NYCOM. Monaghan stated that he would be in town. Hartill suggested that we cancel the next Thursday, September 14th noon meeting and approve vouchers at the Monday, September 18th meeting. He will also talk with the DPW to see if there is anything they will need.

Resolution #6421- To Cancel the September 14, 2017 Meeting

Trustee Monaghan moved to cancel the meeting. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	

Shannon Park Flooding Discussion

Hartill stated that we had the rain event of the century in mid-July that saw 6 inches of water at the mall and several people in Shannon Park had damage in their house. The Mayo welcomed any suggestions of how to divert water. It is hard when we had 3 inches of rain in an hour.

Joe Halpern of 46 Beckett Way stated that their basement flooded and the water moved stones in their back yard that they had installed 3 years ago when they had the last really bad storm. His contractor thinks there is a block in the drainage in the mall area. They think it is less likely from BJS because they came from BJ's. Mall drains are not adequate. Drainage is not adequate. Joe suggested that the Village compare the code that was used when the mall was built and what it was when BJ's was built. Mayor Hartill will ask our engineers.

Gail Halpern also of 46 Beckett Way stated that they hired SDM landscaping that installed a gully in their yard and the whole thing washed out. SDM recommended what they did and now they are paying to have it done again. She feels one of the problems is that there are shallow ditches on both sides of street. During the last storm water came in their basement. She asked if the village ever considered having a multi-level parking garage so there would be less parking area and more trees. The path that goes from the Shannon Park area to the mall has a very small pipe that was totally backed up which is another issue that needs to be addressed.

Kathryn Caggiano stated that she lives at 1 Becket Way, which is the first house in Shannon Park. They have culverts on two sides of their property. She thinks it is the lowest house on the road. They left town 7/13-7/24 and when they came back it was clear that damage was done. They had water damage in their basement. After the 2015 floods they had their entire drainage system dug up and installed a new system to support the rear of the house. They didn't do the front but found the culverts remain to be a problem. Water is so high because the culverts hadn't been cleared out. The DPW cleaned them out after the storm though at that point it was too late, damage was done. The village culverts under the edge of the driveways along Becket Way have been dug out on each end but are still blocked in the middle. They had a backup in their basement because the culverts were not cleared and the water backed up into their footer drain that runs out there from their house. Homeowners are trying to resolve their issues but something is systemic going on.

Haym Hirsh of 1 Stone Creek stated that his unit faces the mall. He wonders if the problem is from water runoff from the mall. The mall pours out a massive amount of runoff from these storms. It seems that the mall is a problem. Target had a flood and that suggests that the water is looking for a water way to go to. It is affecting the community.

A resident that lives on Beckett Way next to village lot stated that they spent a lot of money fixing their part and it is now being done again because of the water damage. We need to do something. Many houses have culvert pipes under their driveways that are all clogged. Next to road they are uneven. Thinks the 1st step would be to clear that up. It was questioned if the mall has to fix drainage and they have multiple owners, who would be in charge. The Mayor stated that they share in the maintenance of the common areas through a maintenance agreement they would all have to sign.

Kristin Cerione of 7 Essex Court stated that she contacted the Village of Lansing DPW in the spring regarding the culvert that borders their property and is supposed to take Becket Way water to the creek. When she contacted the village she felt it was hard for the village to make a judgement and they didn't see that they had an easement. They did, however, find an easements and the village helped dig them out. Drainage ditches need to be dug out and cleaned out. The Village of Cayuga Heights is putting in stones and she wondered what the Village of Lansing could do. She would like to see more of a permanent solution. The Village infrastructure needs some updating.

One resident felt that the situation has gotten worse as the area of parking has increased. She feels we need to reconsider more trees and less open area.

Kathleen Yen of 20 Cedar Lane stated that her house is at the bottom at the curve. The gorge is there and it doesn't always handle all the water and we end up with a lake at the end of Cedar Lane. It needs to be diverted to the gorge. Hartill will ask our engineers to take a close look to see what we can do. There will be these events and he is afraid that this would still happen. Monaghan had spoken with

Brent Cross, engineer, who will look at the area. A 20 inch pipe would be adequate but with this last storm there was too much water so it took other paths. Hartill assured the residents that we will do the best we can. It was suggested that the engineer come during a hard rain storm. Residents will contact the clerk to let her know that they have pictures or videos from the event that the engineer can also view.

Marcie Robinson of 20 Wedgewood Drive stated that she is concerned that we have a small maintenance staff. She thinks that we need to do more maintenance on our systems. We shouldn't of spent the time on creating a new park but should have been doing maintenance.

Lynn Leopold stated that she is on the Stormwater Coalition and one of the big problems is we are in a hurry to get water away. Water needs to absorb into the ground. We need to think about building in infrastructure to get the water into the ground. We need more rain gardens and retention basins and less parking lots. Now is the time to work with the mall. We need to change our approach and let water soak into the ground. This all needs to start upstream. We need to keep water on sight for a while.

Monaghan feels we need to make this part of the PDA discussion with the mall. We should have the engineers look at the mall to see if blocked pipes are the problem. That might suggest mall failure.

Nick Vaczek of 22 St. Joseph Lane stated that Lynn is correct in that this is a landscape complication in many dimensions. He thinks there should be a committee that collects information as it becomes more of an issue. The flooding that occurred on Warren Road was unusual. We need to consider the idea that these culverts are undersized. He wondered if Courtney can handle all these questions. The Board should look at this and form a committee to review. We also should consider what the financial implications are.

O'Neill stated that there was a FEMA article regarding flood insurance in a village newsletter a few years ago. O'Neill stated that he will get the article to Monaghan to share with his neighborhood. The following is a copy of that article:

The Village of Lansing is now a participant in the NFIP (effective July, 2008). Residents of the Village of Lansing are now able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Regular Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage goes into effect. For single-family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$250,000, and the contents coverage is limit is \$100,000. Renters can also protect their belonging by purchasing contents coverage. For commercial properties, the building and contents limits are both \$500,000.

If you need additional assistance or information, please contact
William Nechaman, CFM of the NFIP State Coordinator
NY Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
T: (518) 402-8146.

Andrew Yen of 20 Cedar Lane stated that there is an underground stream under Cedar Lane. He wondered if it could be exploited. This would be another question for our engineer.

Another resident doesn't think we should be pointing the finger at the mall. We should be asking if the village has adequate drainage. We may need to update the drainage system. There have been 2 major events in 3 years. There was a plea from residents that more quick action should be done. They would like the Board to understand their concern and do something quickly. Since many have pictures and videos from that last storm, they would like the engineer to look at those instead of waiting until the next big rain to go out and observe. Mayor Hartill assured the residents that we will take a close look at the situation and will have the engineer give us a recommendation. Mayor Hartill stated that we will post the engineers findings on the Village website in the next month. He also thanked everyone for their comments and assured everyone that the village is taking this very seriously.

Deer

Bernd Blossey was present to discuss this year's Deer Management Program. The following is the 2016/17 deer hunting report provided by Bernd Blossey:

Village of Lansing Deer Hunting Report
2016/17
Bernd Blossey

Background

2016 was the 10th year that the village has implemented deer reduction efforts using bow hunting, and the second where exclusively Deer Depredation Permits (DDP's or nuisance permits) were used. Initially all village permits were DMAP permits (Deer Management Assistant Permits) in addition to permits individual hunters had in their possession. Since 2012/13 the establishment of a Deer Management Focus Area (DMFA) eliminated the need for DMAP tags allowing each hunter to take 2 antlerless deer/day plus adding a 3-week late January season. While landowner participation in the deer management program of VOL continues to rise, deer harvest rates had declined since peaks in 2011 and 2012 despite continued efforts (Table 1). Starting with a pilot program in winter 2014, the Village implemented an exclusive nuisance approach starting with the 2015 season.

2016-17 Deer harvest statistics:

During the past season 16 different hunters harvested 43 deer during the approved shooting period that ended on 31 March 2017, which is 22 fewer deer than last season. Hunters made 121 trips for a total of approximately 339 volunteer hours (only hours in stand are counted). This equates to 8 hours of effort needed to harvest a deer. This is a significant increase over the 2-3 hours needed during the first nuisance season but a 2hr reduction from last season. Our trail cameras showed site-specific peaks in activity at

locations that changed over the season and they often came to bait during early morning hours or in the middle of the night. That participants reduced their trips almost by 50% and hence became more selective in the hours spent in a tree may contribute to this improved efficacy

Age and sex distribution:

The age and sex distribution of deer killed remain very favorable with 15 adult does killed and the increased young buck take reflects the typically increased mobility of this group.

Adult does: 15

Does <1 year old: 4

Adult bucks: 11

Bucks <1 year old: 13

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Table 1: Properties/groups of properties and deer harvest rates in VOL since 2007. (Only properties with stand use are listed. A – indicates that the property was not part of the portfolio in a particular year or season. The parentheses in the column summarizing deer harvest rates in 2014 represent deer taken during the DDP period over bait. 2015 numbers represent DDP numbers exclusively.

Property	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (DDP)	2015	2016
Leopold	11	2	5	9	3	2	1	13(13)	0	1
Lempert/Uphoff	-	-	7	7	4	8	4	4	-	0
Bieri/Adelson	-	-	21	6	22	10	13	17(12)	19	12
Street/Butler/Dennis	-	-	-	21	14	14	4	9(2)	6	2
Autumn Ridge	-	-	-	-	13	2	8	4	6	1
Park/Cayuga Heights Road	-	-	-	-	4	7	1	4	6	11
Route 13 (Playground)	-	-	-	-	5	2	5	4	1	3
Abrams	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	-	-
Bomax	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	2(1)	4	3
Spanswick/Travis	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4(2)	-	-
Swearingen	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	-	-
Seacord	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	4(2)	1	-
Cornell Business Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Craig	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Dart Drive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	3
Bolton Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Schleelein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Baker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0
Miller lands									5	1
Coventry Walk									0	0
Brentwood Drive									2	4
Total	11	2	33	43	65	65	49	68	65	43

While we maintained the number of properties to the portfolio of landowners allowing deer management activities, not all properties were used and deer were not taken off several properties (Table 1). For example previously predictable locations (Leopold or Baker) with consistent deer use and deer harvests, showed very low deer activity and only 1 deer and no deer was taken at Baker. In other locations, participants were discouraged by infrequent and wary deer (survivors are well educated by know). Part of this is expected as deer numbers decline in VOL, but much deer movement occurred in the middle of the night. And despite the ability to be on stand around the clock, no participants ventured out past midnight, as anticipated. And even fewer went out from January – March due to lack of deer activity at shooting locations. Nevertheless, participants saw 339 deer while on location representing 0.5 deer seen per hour of observation, very similar to last season where individual spent many more hours on stand. Most of the deer taken were in the first 2 months of the season, in part explained by more participant activity early and then reduced numbers. But deer congregations

were still obvious at stand location, sometimes up to >10 within a single picture suggesting continued reduced but still high deer population in VOL

Time of harvest:

October: 11
November: 21
December: 6
January: 1
February: 0
March: 4

We keep track of efforts using a new website and qualtrix reporting. We found that deer ran on average 57 yards before collapsing with the maximal distance at 200 yards. In 2016-17 we greatly reduced our loss rate to 6 deer or 21% after they were hit, mostly in dense brush (multiflora rose and honeysuckles). Use of a new tracking dog may have contributed this this 50% reduction.

Most of the deer shot were kept by participants for self-consumption but a significant number was donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier through the venison donation program.

Outlook and recommendation for 2017 Deer Management

Despite difficulties, the harvest rate in VOL remained appreciably high although the extended drought in summer 2016 and potential lack of food may have affect deer movement. The apple crop this year looks much better and deer movement may become more concentrated at food sources. Oak recruitment, judged by planting of seedlings at three locations (Rt13 playground site, Bomax Drive, and Leopold's) in the village is still greatly suppressed and further deer reductions are warranted, despite some improvements. Residents in the village appear to see further reduced deer movement and reduced damage and re-appearance of tree seedlings and flowers not encountered in previous seasons. This while slowly, the der program appears to move into the right direction

The challenges that remain are to increase or maintain participation by shooters, even once the effort increases. We will discuss the options and approaches within the group of participants that will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

For the Village I recommend that the same approach be followed as for the previous season, but that efforts are made to increase the availability of shooting locations to allow individual or teams to switch to more productive locations. We may also switch to previously used locations that saw no participant activity in 2016-17 (Table 1).

The following was emailed to the Trustees earlier today along with a new permit application that Don would need to sign if the Village approves another nuisance season.

Village of Lansing Deer Management Program

Justification for use of Deer Depredation Permits

For the past 10 years the Village of Lansing (VOL) Board of Trustees has annually approved a coordinated bow hunting program to reduce the size of the deer herd in the Village. Concerns by residents about Lyme disease, deer vehicle collisions, ecological damage (no forest regeneration) and damage to ornamental plantings prompted the initiation of this program in 2007. The number of properties we hunt has steadily increased and now well over 30 landowners potentially participate in the program. Deer take has increased initially but has now tapered off (Table 1) despite the ability to target deer in more and more locations. Trail cam surveillance at locations and general observations in the village suggest a significantly reduced deer population, but not sufficiently so to help address ornamental damage, damage to forest regeneration, or Lyme disease concerns. Oak sentinel plantings continue to suffer catastrophic mortality unless protected.

The establishment of the DMFA, special regulations, and an additional hunting season in late January have greatly aided to enable individuals who are proficient and skilled to take additional deer. However, the early success of the DMFA season was reduced to nothing by 2015 (Table 1) and trail cams show that deer have turned nearly entirely nocturnal, an observation also made in the Cornell program. This leads some to conclude that there are few deer left, when instead their activity pattern has shifted.

Table 1: Deer take in VOL since 2007 in the regular hunting season, during the DMFA seasons (2014 was both regular and then DDP in early 2015), and in the 2015 and 2016 DDP period.

Deer take	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Regular season	11	2	33	43	65	47	47	40		
DMFA January season	-	-	-	-	-	18	2	0		
Total	11	2	33	43	65	65	49	68	65	43

Nocturnal deer are nearly impossible to take in the regular hunting season. Number of available tags or hunter efforts are not limiting (12 trips were made in the 2015 DMFA season but no deer was taken). Instead it is, in part, access to deer on locations we are not currently allowed to hunt, but mostly the changed activity patterns. This includes the nocturnal behavior but also travel patterns and avoidance of stand locations.

We therefore requested (and were approved for) use of Deer Depredation Permits using an identical approach to those in use by Cornell University and the Village of Trumansburg for a period of February to mid-April 2015. Despite deep snow conditions in early 2015, we baited 6 locations (using corn) and took deer at 5 (at one site at the airport bait was not visited by deer during our activity period). The vast majority of deer were taken at two sites with 13 and 12 deer taken, respectively due to concerted efforts by two individuals.

At its 21 September 2015 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a strategy to enable use of DDP's throughout a period from October 1st to end of March 2016 (or as approved by the DEC). The Trustees, in approving this proposal, recognized the success (and reduced effort) achieved by the programs at Cornell and in the Village of Trumansburg. While the hunting program had made important contributions, it was recognized that hunting in the village alone was not likely to succeed in reducing the deer damage to acceptable levels. The Village had tried this approach for nearly a decade. An assessment of the 2015-16 DDP season showed that despite difficult winter conditions (this time too warm) and lack of deer movement, participants took 65 deer in VOL (Table 1).

This approach appeared to have worked well, including the past 2016-17 season where we took 43 deer. While this is a reduction in the deer take from last season and highs in 2011 and 2012, it is also a reflection of reduced deer density in the village leading to greater investments of time to taking deer. This is anticipated, and while we have no data to assess the total deer population in the Village, some recovery of typically browsed plants occurs according to landowners. But not sufficient to allow continued forest regeneration. We therefore request approval of the renewal of the attached DDP application for the 2017-18 season with a start date as early as possible. At a minimum this will allow us to begin baiting, and potentially shooting in September. As in previous seasons, we request the ability to take antlered deer, with the antlers delivered to the DEC every 10 days the ability to discharge bows during a 24 hour period to enable participants to be active in the early morning before daybreak as trail camera surveys have consistently shown that this would be a prime activity pattern at our bait sites.

A village appointed committee (chaired by Lynn Leopold, with participation by landowners and participants) will help to implement an overall strategy. The backbone of the operations are strategically placed nuisance baiting locations throughout the village (Fig. 1; no change from previous season). We will be able to reduce the overall number of stand locations since bait is expected to draw deer to approved locations. We will monitor deer travel and feeding patterns using trail cams and will use archery equipment only (no crossbows are allowed in VOL according to our preferences).

Bernd Blossey (through independent sources of funding) is continuing to assess oak seedling survival using several locations in VOL.

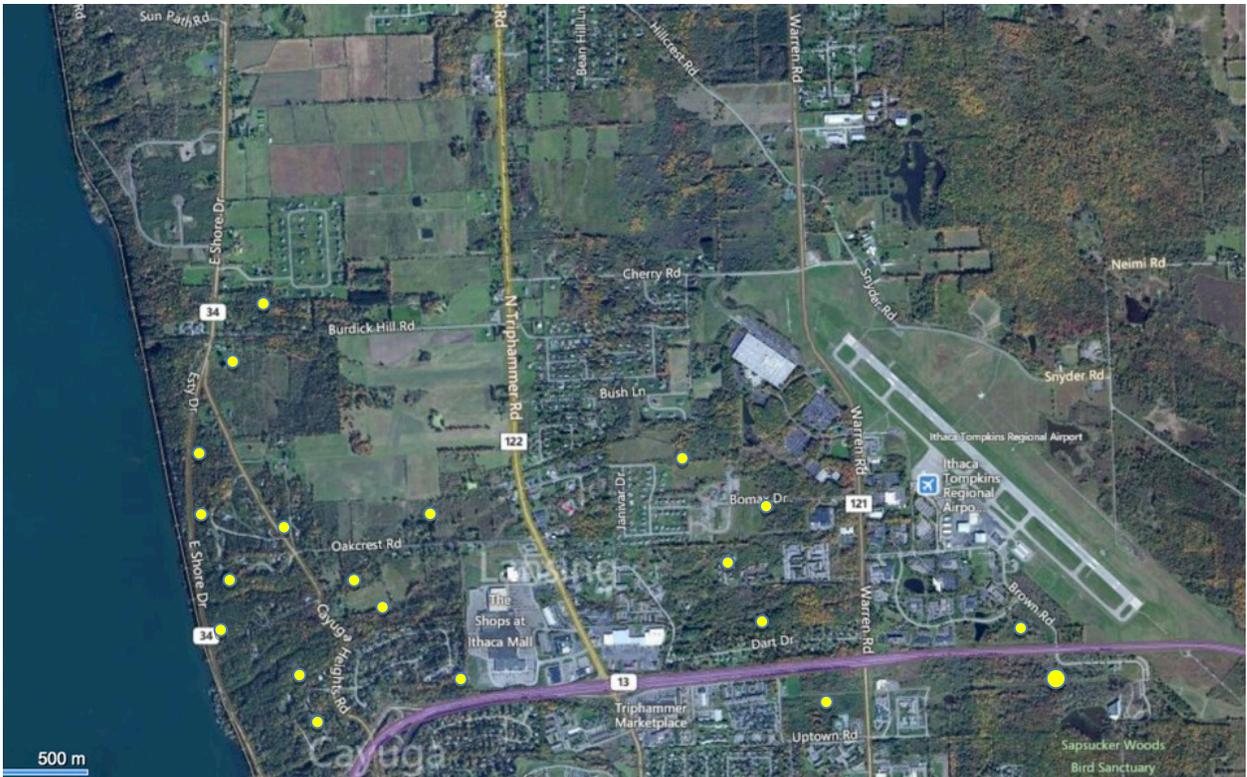


Fig. 1. Possible nuisance location (yellow circles) in VOL

End of Report

Blossey asked the Board if they want to do another year. He highly recommends that the Village continue the hunting program because we are not done yet. There are a couple of issues we are facing. There will be no major changes in the way the program will operate. A permit needs to be granted to put bait on the ground. They would like to start in mid-September. Last year we started in late October year. Typically hunting starts Oct. 1st. There is a conditioning period of 10-14 days of baiting to get the deer to feed every evening.

Monaghan stated that this is our 10th year of a coordinated bow hunting program. He wondered if there is a point when we will say let's take a break. One measure could be how long it takes to get a deer. When we started it took us 3-5 hours to get a deer and now it is 7-10 hours per deer. One may think this indicates that there are less deer when in fact we see from our trail cameras that they are changing their travel patterns. Bernd stated that Cornell averages 80 hours of hunting per deer take for all levels of hunter skills. Many people just sit and wait for big buck.

O'Neill asked if our participants are good with arrows. Bernd stated that those are the ones they try to recruit. The individuals hunting in the village have been the same for the last 3-4 years. Some are also participating in the Cornell University Program. We tend to go by a hunters reputation. They are not put through a proficiency test if they have a long

hunting experience. Wounding rates have decreased since we now have a tracking dog now to find the deer.

Hardaway asked if we have a target number for deer takes. Bernd doesn't like to do that. What is important is impact management. If a Deer Management Plan is being developed and we need to measure we would have to come up with a system. You can set a standard. Then you would have a plan. The target is up to you. Now there is no way to measure. At Cornell University he researches oaks.

Hardaway is concerned that we are killing for killing sake. If we came up with a plan that specified a certain number of deer to be taken, we would have to stop. One example would be to cap the take at 55 and if evidence of more deer then we could change to 65 the next year. The problem with a quota system is we have no idea how many deer we have in the village. If we did have this information, then it would be perfect. Blossey thinks the Regional approach is better.

Hartill feels trying to count the deer by having a fly over is very expensive and not cost efficient. There are ways to propose that wouldn't cost \$50,000. Hardaway doesn't think we need expensive technology to monitor deer. Bernd stated that the oak study is being done in Ann Arbor and Wisconsin. Planting is much cheaper than a fly over

Mayor entertained a motion to approve to proceed with the hunt and start Sept.20th with Baiting

Resolution #6422-To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the NYSDEC Deer Damage Permit Application and Allow Baiting to Begin September 20, 2017

Trustee Monaghan moved this resolution. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Dake will email the signed document and the justification to Courtney LaMere at the NYSDEC.

Bernd stated that another issue that will need to be discussed is the amount of money allocated for corn. Our previous supplier, Deidrick Farm, isn't sure if they can provide us with corn. We will need to look for a storage location. Previously they had suggested the DPW but that didn't go over too well. Trumansburg stores theirs at their DPW. This will need to be decided in the next month. The corn will be in 50lb feed bags so all they will need is a covered area. Deidrick's would be much easier. Hartill stated that we would be happy to rent space from him if that works better.

The other approval that is received every year is for the Cornell University Deer Management Program. The Board will consider approving after Cornell has given final approval. Basically, what this approval is for is to authorize Cornell to hunt exact which is the same as our program but at the Lab of Ornithology as part of the CU Deer Management Program.

Sewer Discussion

There was a meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the Town of Lansing to talk about trying to get two projects in the town sewerred. We will continue to have biweekly meetings to resolve this issue. The Town was thinking about coming down the west side of Triphammer Road but the owner said no. Hartill thinks that a good route to expanding the sewer system may be by going down Water Wagon Road and then on the east side of East Shore Drive since the water lines are on the west side. His concern is the current minimum lot size for 30,000 square feet. He thinks that if we increase the minimum lot size to 45,000 square feet that would alleviate the concern. The Village could then add a gravity system which makes it attractive for cost sharing. There is still a lot of effort to make this happen. The Board agreed that we should invest in engineering to see if this is feasible.

O'Neill wondered if it would be an issue with going down East Shore Drive since the State owns it. Hartill stated that we would need easements but that wouldn't be an issue. The Mayor sees less resistance proceeding down this path. The pumping station would be smaller than the water pumping station on the other side of the road. We would share part of the cost of construction and operation of the station based on flows.

Continue Public Hearing Proposed Local Law 3

The next item on the agenda was to continue the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3 (2017) However; Mayor Hartill did not have a chance to come up with a further revised definition. He will have it for the next meeting on September 18th. He also hopes to wrap it up then.

Mayors Comments

Hartill stated that there was an Eclipse today. It was nice to see people come out to the meeting this evening and show their concerns.

General Comments

O'Neill has spoken to Adam Robbs about the Lansing Trails II neighborhood and would like to get all the trails and park areas approved. Dubow will speak with Adam about this.

Lowell Garner has filed an Article 78 against the Village Board of Trustees. He claims that the Village failed to perform a thorough, diligent, and otherwise adequate search for records in its possession that are responsive to his FOIL requests and is ordering the Village to perform a thorough and diligent search for records responsive to his requests within each and every email account utilized by the Village in conducting official business as well as any other physical or electronic location where Village records may

be stored. This case will appear at the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Tompkins on September 11th.

Hardaway stated that the legal ad for the formal bidding process to purchase playground equipment for Northwood Park has been placed in the Ithaca Journal. The bid opening is scheduled for September 7, 2017 at 11am.

Hartill stated that we have retention ponds in the new park and they work very well. The final engineering design will be completed soon which will dictate where we put the release pipes.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Hardaway moved to adjourn. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer