

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday,
April 25, 2023

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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: Absent

Village Legal Counsel: Wendy Marsh

Village Engineer: Absent

Village Trustee Liaison: Susan Ainslie

Village CEO: Michael Scott

Public included: Carla Marceau

Approval of the Minutes

Gillespie moved to accept the April 10, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Schleelein.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment Period:

Susan Ainslie stated that she was the Board of Trustee Liaison. Carla Marceau stated that she was there to represent the Community Party.

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

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

Nays: None

Baker read the following agenda item:

Discussion of Solar Array Draft Law

The Planning Board will be reviewing and discussing a draft of the proposed Solar Array Law.

Baker stated that he didn't make the changes from the last meeting on April 10, 2023 because he was waiting for Scott to review Section 8 Tier 3.

Scott had sent out an email to the Planning Board Members explaining his recommendation for Tier 3's General Requirements.

45 Scott stated that Tier 2 and Tier 3 should be worded relatively the same way because the only real
46 difference between the two is size. Scott also said that if the NYS Unified Solar Permit were to be
47 adopted, the general requirement for providing information is stated along with a checklist. Having
48 that, there would be no need to repeat the language in the Village Proposed Law. Scott provided the
49 requirements list. Scott also provided the existing decommissioning wording from the Village Code
50 for Telecommunications.

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52 Schleelein asked about it being valid to make modifications to the NYS Unified Solar Permit to fit
53 the Village needs. Scott will verify if that is possible. If this is possible, Scott would need to review
54 what could be deleted from or added to the NYS Unified Solar Permit without changing the name.

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56 The Planning Board continued to discuss items such as:

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- 58 - Review of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 category
- 59 - Design Standards
- 60 - Signage
- 61 - What Tiers are allowed in what Districts

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63 There was a discussion about the ability of the Planning Board to deny an applicant for a Special
64 Permit. Marsh stated that because of recent legal outcomes, the grounds for denying an allowed Use
65 via Special Permit need to be more precise in order to defend in court if need be.

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67 Baker and Scott will meet to review the draft before the next meeting.

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69 Baker suggested the Planning Board members review the Unified Solar Permit to familiarize
70 themselves with it and any possible changes to be made to it.

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72 **Trustee Report**

73 Schleelein reported on the April 17th Board of Trustee meeting. The main topic was the presentation
74 on the Tompkins County homeless situation. The meeting can be viewed on YouTube.

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76 **Other Business**

77 More discussion about homelessness.

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79 Scott will forward an email received about a possible STR presentation

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81 **Adjournment**

82 McCauley moved to adjourn at 8:06. Seconded by Gillespie.

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

84 Nays: None

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86 Minutes taken by: Michael Scott, CEO