

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday,
August 29, 2023

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 and Jim McCauley

Absent: Pat Gillespie and Lisa Schleelein

Alternate Member: Absent

Village Legal Counsel: Natalie French

Village Engineer: Absent

Village Trustee Liaison: Susan Ainslie (Zoom)

Village CEO: Michael Scott

Public included: Shannon MacCarrick and Simon Gould from Habitat for Humanity of Tompkin and Cortland Counties and Carla Marceau.

Approval of the Minutes

McCauley moved to approve the August 14, 2023 Planning Board minutes. Seconded by Capogrossi.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi and McCauley.

Nays: None

Public Comment Period:

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

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

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi and McCauley.

Nays: None

Baker read the following agenda item:

Public Hearing for Requested Amendment to Special Permit #2021-4516

Eric Goetzmann has requested an amendment to the conditions of the approved resolution for Special Permit #2021-4516. The Planning Board has determined the request to be a major change, therefore, requiring a Public Hearing.

Applicant not ready to present.

45 Baker read the following agenda item:

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47 **Planning Board Review of Tree Cutting at 4 and 8 Dart Drive**

48 *Simon Gould, representing Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties, has applied*
49 *for a building permit for 4 Dart Drive (Tax Parcel # 46.1-1-6.28) and 8 Dart Drive (Tax Parcel #*
50 *46.1-1-6.27). Both parcels will require approximately 40% of the existing trees to be removed. As*
51 *per Village Code Section 145-27B, Planning Board review is required if more than 25%, by*
52 *number, of trees are removed from any tax parcel within a 3-year period.*

53 Scott introduced Gould and MacCarrick and then stated that the applicants are proposing to remove
54 more than 25% of the trees from each lot for the purpose of building 2 homes for the Habitat for
55 Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties. Because of the Village Tree Conservation Law,
56 permission from the Planning Board would be necessary for that amount of tree removal. Scott also
57 added that most of the mature trees are located in the middle and back of each lot and that the road
58 front contained mostly brush and other invasive shrubs. Scott said that even with the proposed tree
59 removal, the parcels would still have a minimum of 30 tree units per acre.

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61 MacCarrick asked for an explanation of the Tree Bank and how it worked.

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63 Scott stated that, as per Village Law, if more than 25% of trees are removed from a parcel, the
64 Planning Board has a right to ask for trees to be added to the parcel or a donation to the Tree Bank.

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66 Gould stated that they are trying to salvage as many trees as possible but, many need to be removed
67 just to be able to work on the building.

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69 Baker said that he appreciates the applicant's efforts to salvage as many as possible and suggested
70 that a few trees be planted near the roadside for aesthetic purposes. Gould and MacCarrick agreed
71 that that would be possible. Baker would like to wait for another meeting to get input from Schleelein
72 and Gillespie, who were not in attendance.

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74 That works for the applicants.

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76 Next item on the agenda was the proposed Solar Array Law.

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78 Baker stated that there are some changes that are still being worked on and the Planning Board will
79 continue to review these for the next meeting.

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81 **Trustee Report**

82 Trustee meeting cancelled

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84 **Other Business**

85 Scott stated that the Beer Cluster Subdivision may be ready for the next meeting and that the
86 proposed 20 Bomax PDA and Eric Goetzmann will be on the agenda for the 2nd meeting in

87 September. Scott also added that the Uptown Road development may have difficulty making an
88 accurate tree count on the proposed site due to the dense under brush. They may need to estimate
89 some areas because of this. Scott briefly went through the proposed development, which may come
90 to the Planning Board in the near future.

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92 Scott reminded the Board members to keep track of their actual time spent on Planning Board
93 business for the month of September.

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95 Baker suggested that, at some point in the near future, the Planning Board discuss electric charging
96 stations as it pertains to the Village Code.

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98 **Adjournment**

99 Capogrossi moved to adjourn at 7:28. Seconded by McCauley.

100 Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi and McCauley.

101 Nays: None

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103 Minutes taken by: Michael Scott, CEO