

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting

December 28, 1998

The meeting of the Village of Lansing Planning Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Hickey. Present at the meeting were Planning Board Members Brown, Halevy, Klepack, Waterman, Alternate Member Dankert, Village Attorney Marcus, and Code Enforcement Officer Curtis.

Public CommentAs there was no one present who wished to speak, Waterman moved to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Seconded by Brown. All in favor.

Comprehensive Plan - Final Recommendation to Trustees

Hickey distributed a list of changes that were recommended by a subcommittee that reviewed all of the comments that were made at the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan. The subcommittee, which consisted of John Caren, Ned Hickey and Steve Halevy, reviewed all the suggestions, including the written comments of Mrs. Rita Smidt and Mrs. Sorrell Gottfried, and incorporated those that they felt were appropriate. There were no substantive changes in the plan; most is rewording, clarification, and changing some words like "encourage" to "permit" to change the tenor of the text.

He pointed out one major change in Chapter I, in the section on age distribution. The "Population Change by Age" chart in that section was attempting to track age groups over a period of time. However, it was confusing so that section was rewritten to eliminate that chart. Those figures were based on the last census anyway, and soon the Board will be working with the year 2000 Census.

Brown moved that the Planning Board recommend the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan to the Trustees for approval. Seconded by Waterman. All in favor.

Waterman moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

" The Planning Board has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan, Draft #4, November, 1998, as changed as a result of the Pubic Hearing held on December 7, 1998, and recommends its adoption by the Board of Trustees as the Village's Comprehensive Plan with the understanding that any substantive changes made to this document subsequent to the date of this recommendation will require an additional review and recommendation by the Planning Board." Seconded by Brown. All in favor.

Minutes

Waterman moved to approve the November 24, 1998 minutes as amended. Seconded by Klepack. All in favor. Hickey abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Reports

Trustee Meeting: Hickey reported that Audrey Kahin gave a report on the Village of Lansing Senior Survey. She had a 40% response rate (63 replies out of a possible 154). One thing mentioned in the survey was the need for public transport like Gadabout or TCAT on Cayuga Heights Road, Highgate Circle, Burdick Hill, and Oakcrest. People also want bus service extended to the grocery stores. The most commonly expressed dissatisfaction in the recreation section was over lack of sidewalks or pedestrian paths. There is a lot of desire among older people for a place to walk. Board members pointed out that this is true for other people as well, such as women with strollers.

Hickey said that the most significant part of the Engineer's report was the Warren Road improvement project. Plans are being made to move ahead in the spring with doing the intersection at Arrowwood and Uptown Roads, which will include putting in footings for the traffic light. According to the most recent traffic count, traffic has increased on Arrowwood Road by 22% over last year. That increase is explainable because of the facilities that are now there.

Hickey added that there is still another building to be built there and the 53 acres between there and Sapsucker Woods which most likely be developed as a residential development as soon as sewers are available.

The Trustees have some names of potential members for the new Green Space Advisory Council and are looking for more recommendations. Marcus said that according to the new procedural requirement, the Planning Board is to recommend members before they are appointed by the Trustees. If members are going to be selected from this pool of names, Marcus suggested that the Planning Board recommend by resolution that the Trustees select among any of those people. The Council will take direction from the Planning Board only, and they are not supposed to create projects on their own. It was suggested that the Planning Board interview candidates or ask them for a bio. Klepack felt they should do more projects similar to what Linda Tsang did - plan the development of Village parcels. Hickey added that there were requests in the Senior Survey for the development of a park, so that might be a project for the Council.

Hickey told the Board that the grant proposal for Planning Federation funds to develop a Triphammer Road Planned Sign Area was denied. The deadline is January 1, so there is a year to prepare a proposal for next year. There are also other sources of funding, such as Kodak's American Greenway Awards program.

Hickey said that he spoke to the Mayor about setting aside funds in the budget for a consultant to develop guidelines for the development of the CLT district. The Planning Board needs to discuss what they would like to see before they hire a consultant. Marcus said that the Trustees were supportive of this idea in previous discussions.

Hickey was concerned about the Village's liability for the pond on Janivar. Marcus said that the Village only owns the title to a corner of the pond and has an easement to dredge and maintain the pond which runs 10 feet to the outside of the perimeter of the pond. In terms of liability there is nothing that the Village has done that is attracting people to the pond or encouraging the use of the pond for skating or otherwise. The Village wouldn't have liability for an accident that would occur in the pond but it wouldn't hurt to put up a sign saying "Not for Recreational Use" or "Use at Own Risk. "

Doris Brown will attend the Trustee meetings in January 1999.

Adjourn

Waterman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brown. All in favor.