

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting

April 12, 1999

The meeting of the Village of Lansing Planning Board was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Hickey. Present at the meeting were Planning Board Members Brown, Halevy, Klepack, Waterman, Village Attorney Marcus, and Code Enforcement Officer Curtis.

Public Comment

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

Planning Consultant

Hickey suggested that the Board prepare an outline of the planning consultant proposal to present to the Trustees for their endorsement. The Board had requested \$20,000 in the budget for a planning consultant, but without any definition of what they hope to accomplish. The Trustees approved \$15,000.

The Board reviewed again the goals and objectives that Klepack had drafted. The document was edited further so that it could be presented to the Trustees at their next meeting. The proposal deals with the vacant properties in the Commercial Low Traffic District. The purpose is to provide guidelines that ensure that those parcels that are currently undeveloped will be developed to complement and unify the Low Traffic District as development occurs along Triphammer Road. The goal is to establish a set of standards that a developer will be held to just as they are currently held to the Zoning Law

In the paragraph, which mentions permitted uses in the CLT District, "banks" had been deleted, and "restaurants " and "government buildings such as a library" were added. Other changes from previous meetings and some new ones were discussed. Klepack will revise the original document to reflect these changes and get a copy to Hickey to present to the Trustees at their next meeting.

The Planning Board will receive a revised copy of the document in the next packet.

Trip to Victor

The Board will tentatively plan to visit Victor on May 11th to discuss with them their plan and how it has worked out.

Outstanding Projects - Status Report

Halevy had taken several photos to show the Board and bring Hickey up-to-date on outstanding projects in the Village:

- Monroe Muffler will be coming in at the southeast corner of the Cayuga Mall.
- Bishops has erected their new sign.
- Ivar Jonson seems to be moving ahead with a new road at Lansing Trails. This would permit a connection to the Kensington Subdivision.
- Jonson is constructing a new house on Liefs Way. This house is constructed using styrofoam formed walls into which he puts steel reinforcing and then pours concrete. The result of this method of construction is that the houses have almost no thermal conductive loss.
- Village garden/flower boxes - Suzanne Lorbeer is waiting for official notification that the budget is approved for the Village garden so that she can buy plants.
- The area behind TJ Maxx and Big Lots at Cayuga Mall is an eyesore. The Board will point this out to New Plan Realty when they come in to talk about Monroe Muffler

Reports

Trustee Meeting: Klepack and Marcus reported that the Trustees scheduled a public hearing for the proposed amendment on the SEQRA Type II List. The idea of having Alternate Board member available at all meetings to fill in for any absent member was suggested to the Trustees, but they found that idea to be problematic. The Board discussed this further and concluded that it really was not necessary. However Phil Dankert will be kept informed of Planning Board activities.

Roy Park had requested that the Village take action about illegal activities at the southern end of Cayuga Hills Road. The Trustees voted to install a street light at the turnaround there.

Other Business

- Hickey reported that the Planning Department has interviewed two candidates for Circuit Rider. The Planning Board will use the Circuit Rider on an as-needed basis.
- Hickey will suggest to the Mayor that he invite the three approved members of the Green Space Advisory Committee to a meeting so they can get started.
- Klepack felt that the new Green Space Advisory Committee was not really qualified to approve landscaping plans. The Board will invite David Fernandez of Cayuga Landscaping to a meeting to teach the Board and the Green Space Advisory Committee about how to evaluate landscaping plans.
- Hickey reported that Pyramid Mall is interested in upgrading the mall and has been meeting with Hickey, Curtis, Halevy, Buck and the Mayor. Most of the discussion has been about building a 2nd floor and what kinds of things they would like to have in the mall.
- The Marriott will come in for an informal meeting on April 22nd.
- New Plan Realty will also come in for an informal meeting on April 22nd.
- McDonalds still appears interested in moving across the street. They must provide the traffic analysis that was requested by the Board which will satisfy an engineer of the Board's choice that moving across the street will improve the traffic situation.

InService Training Schedule

- Thys Van Cort from the City of Ithaca Planning Department will speak to the Board on May 10th about the planning consultant proposal.
- The Planning Boards of the Village and the Town of Lansing had hoped to meet jointly last year and will try to do so this year. Also, the Planning Board usually has a joint meeting with the Trustees each year. Hickey will see if there is any interest from those Boards in setting up these meetings.
- The Board would like to have an In-Service Training Session on shared parking.
- David Fernandez, Cayuga Landscaping - "Evaluating Landscaping Proposals."

Minutes

Waterman moved that the March 30, 1999 minutes be approved as submitted. Brown seconded. All in favor.

Brown told the Board that on May 20th there will be a conference at Ithaca College concerned with the elderly, and a number of the sessions will involve housing.

Adjourn

Waterman moved to adjourn at 9:45PM. Seconded by Brown. All in favor.

