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Town of Lansing

Monday, June 22, 2015 6:30 PM

Jt. TB & PLANNING BOARD MEETING

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

(*Denotes present)

- * Tom Ellis, Chairman
- Norman (Lin) Davidson, Vice-Chairman
- * Larry Sharpsteen
- * Richard Prybyl
- * Al Fiorille
- * Gerald Caward
- * Deborah Trumbull
- * Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
- * Guy Krogh, Esq.

Other Staff

Michael Long, Planning Consultant
Doug Dake, Town Board Member
Kathy Miller, Town Supervisor
Ruth Hopkins, Town Board Member
Robert Cree, Town Board Member
Ed LaVigne, Town Board Member

Public Present

Dennis Read
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Other Business

Thomas Ellis called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Due to a Planning Board Member being absent, Chairman Ellis enacted Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate Member to vote.

Dennis Read: Requested to know what the status is of the Soccer Field. Mr. Read states his comments are based on what he read in The Lansing Star that was published on Friday, June 19, 2015;

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1. Restrictions placed on Special Use Permits quickly taken care of or settled in order to get a Permit.
2. Concerned with it being more of a spectator facility as oppose to a participant facility. Eventually, scoreboards, lighting, bleachers, etc.....

Mr. Read states he has no problem with the Soccer Field or the tournament, he does have a problem with the process on the restrictions being “fast tracked” as being quoted in The Lansing Star.

Larry Sharpsteen indicated the Planning Board Members have some of the same concerns.

Thomas Ellis states one of the big issues the Planning Board struggled with was whether this is a recreation playground use verses a Commercial use. One was allowed at the original time of presentation of the Use request, the other was not allowed.

Richard Prybyl and Thomas Ellis reiterated, the Planning Board Members are not to be held responsible for the quote made by another individual who holds a position on a totally different Board.

Mike Long, Planning Consultant expressed to Mr. Read that he brought this up to the Planning Board Members as an interest. Mr. Long wanted to get the Planning Board Member’s thoughts as to whether they thought this was a reasonable request or not. The process is as follows; It comes to the Planning for their recommendation to the Town Board, a Public Hearing at the Town Board level is held, the Town Board acts on the actual changes. The only condition being considered is under condition #4, with respect to the age. Mr. Long does not believe you can restrict uses based on age.

Mr. Sharpsteen expressed to Mr. Read the Planning Board was approaching this request as a onetime only permit situation for the Town Board, similar to a previous request for a Halloween function.

Planning Board Members felt the Permit should only be issued for one weekend. If they so choose to have another, they would have to go through the whole process again.

Thomas Ellis made a motion recommending to the Town Board that they issue a one time trial permit to be used for one (1) weekend for a Soccer Tournament for all ages to be held at the discretion of the Applicant between July 1, 2015 thru the Labor Day

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Weekend. Richard Prybyl seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Gerald Caward, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Al Fiorille, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Richard Prybyl, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Larry Sharpsteen, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Deborah Trumbull, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Thomas Ellis, Member

Review/Discussion and finalization of the recommended Agricultural Plan for the Town of Lansing

Monika Roth appeared before the Boards to review the final version of the Ag Plan. Both Planning Board and Town Board Members were provided with copies prior to the Meeting for their review. Ms. Roth states this process started approximately 6 years ago and now has come to the final stage. This document was crafted as the result of the Farmer's input. They provided the input on all the strategies and recommendations. As for the Zoning, it was reviewed by George Frantz. The process will consist of any future edits, a public hearing, review by the Tompkins County Ag & Farmland Protection Board, and the State for final approval.

Thomas Ellis inquired as to what the Town would get from this document once it is approved.

Ms. Roth indicated once approved the Town would have to form an Ag. Advisory Committee which would be charged with advising the Town Board on anything related to Agricultural policies. As the result of the Town and the State adopting the document, the Town would then be eligible for future funding that would help with Zoning changes.

Larry Sharpsteen again clarified for the record, if this document is adopted, zoning changes don't have to be made. The document is for suggestions only, not a forcible law. In addition, Mr. Sharpsteen wanted to make it clear that the Town does not have to change Zoning in order to be eligible for funding.

It was suggested that the Title on the proposed AG map be changed to: Suggested changes June 2015.

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Larry Sharpsteen made a motion to forward the suggested Agricultural Plan to the Town Board with the above comments for further action. Gerald Caward seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Gerald Caward, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Al Fiorille, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Richard Prybyl, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Larry Sharpsteen, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Deborah Trumbull, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Thomas Ellis, Member

Richard Prybyl made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:59 PM. Larry Sharpsteen seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Gerald Caward, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Al Fiorille, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Richard Prybyl, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Larry Sharpsteen, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Deborah Trumbull, Member
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Thomas Ellis, Member