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Town of Lansing

Monday, June 27, 2016 6:30 PM

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

Other Staff

Lynn Day, Zoning Officer
Doug Dake, TB Liaison

Public Present

Dan Veaner
Dean Shea

Other Business

Thomas Ellis, Chairman called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Mr. Ellis inquired if there were any questions or concerns from the Public with items other than what are on the Agenda. There were none.

Chairman Ellis enacted Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate Member as a voting Member this evening.

Approval/Denial of May 9, 2016 Planning Board Minutes

Al Fiorille states his name is missing from several of the votes. Mr. Fiorille states he voted "Aye" to all of them.

Norman (Lin) Davidson made a motion to approve as amended. Richard Prybyl seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

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Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Norman (Lin) Davidson, Member
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, Chairman

Solar Array Discussion

Chairman Ellis felt it was time the Planning Board review and discuss exactly what the Town currently has in place and what they would like to see in the future with regards to Solar Projects.

Larry Sharpsteen states there has been consideration on this topic in discussion with the Agricultural and the Comprehensive Plan Committees. Mr. Sharpsteen feels that the Town should take a closer look at this topic and even placing a temporary moratorium on Commercial Solar Projects. A 3 month sunset should initially be set, and then the opportunity to extend that sunset. Mr. Sharpsteen further stated decommissioning of projects is a big concern to residents.

Norman (Lin) Davidson agreed that there are so many impacts that it would not hurt the Town to put on the brakes and see what other towns are doing.

Lynn Day states he can provide examples Solar Laws for three different Towns in New York State for Members to review.

Al Fiorille felt if it was on a Commercial Building or a use on site then it should be looked at differently. If it is being located on one parcel and credited to another parcel it should be closely looked at.

Lynn Day, Zoning Officer states the Town's current Site Plan Review process can handle all concerns brought up this evening with respect to Commercial Solar Projects with the exception of the School District. Residential projects can be handled through a Zoning Permit, issued in the Planning Office.

Doug Dake, TB Liaison stated he did not feel a Moratorium is necessary.

Some Members felt that the Town should benefit somehow from these large Solar projects.

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The Planning Board Members will review examples of other Towns Solar Laws and come to an agreement as to what they would like to see for the Town. Members will come prepared for discussion at the July 11, 2016 Meeting. At that time they will determine whether a moratorium will be needed.

Richard Prybyl made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:29 PM. Norman (Lin) Davidson seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Sandra Dennis Conlon, Alternate
Vote of Planning Board . . . (Aye) Norman (Lin) Davidson, Member
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, Chairman