

Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes of Monday,
October 14, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Lansing Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. A Zoom option was also provided.

Present at the meeting:

Planning Board Members: Mike Baker, Lorraine Capogrossi, Pat Gillespie, Jim McCauley and Lisa Schleelein

Absent Members:

Alternate Member: Yamila Fournier

Village Legal Counsel: Natalie French

Village Engineer: Absent

Village Trustee Liaison: Susan Ainslie (Zoom)

Village CEO: Michael Scott

Public included: Carla Marceau (Zoom)

Approval of the Minutes

Gillespie moved to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Schleelein.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie, McCauley and Schleelein

Nays: None

Schleelein moved to approve the September 24, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Capogrossi.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie and Schleelein

Nays: None

Abstain: McCauley

Public Comment Period:

Susan Ainslie as Trustee liaison. Carla Marceau is observing for the Community Party.

Gillespie moved to close the Public Comment period. Seconded by Schleelein.

Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie, McCauley and Schleelein

Nays: None

Baker read the following agenda item:

Planning Board Discussion

The Planning Board will review possible amendments to The Tree Conservation and

45 *Planting Law (Section 145-27)*

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47 Baker noted that after the last meeting about this subject, Schleelein and Capogrossi reached out to
48 some local contacts and French incorporated the discussed changes into a new draft document
49 which the Planning Board has.

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51 Capogrossi contacted David Fernandez about possibly helping the Planning Board with
52 information for the Tree Law. Fernandez would be more available near Thanksgiving time to help.

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54 French had contacted NYCOM for clarification if appendices needed to be approved in the same
55 way as local laws. The answer was unclear, French will need to research more into the subject.

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57 French's impression is if an appendix is setting guidelines and standards which have very specific
58 requirements, it cannot be readily amended by a resolution. Items that are more suggestive and not
59 binding may be able to be approved or amended by resolution. French will investigate more
60 on this subject.

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62 The Planning Board reviewed the changes made to the Tree Law. Topics included:

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64 1) Moving tree diversity into the Purpose Statement.

65 2) Clarification on whether a structure is included or excluded in determining the plantable
66 area

67 3) Measuring of multi-trunk trees

68 4) Remove *major subdivision* and add *cluster subdivision* to be subject to the Tree Law

69 5) Using DEC regulations to determine tree diameter.

70 6) Buffer strips will count towards tree density

71 7) Determining who is exempt if there is no change in structure footprint.

72 8) Timeline for landscape phasing

73 9) Escrow for phasing

74 10) Where street trees can be placed

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76 **Trustee Report**

77 Baker gave a review of the October Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting can be viewed on
78 YouTube

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80 **Other Business**

81 French stated that a Municipality is not responsible for enforcing items such as private restrictive
82 covenants that may be attached to a property.

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84 Scott reviewed upcoming events

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86 **Adjournment**

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88 McCauley moved to adjourn at 8:18. Seconded by Gillespie.

- 89 Ayes: Baker, Capogrossi, Gillespie, McCauley and Schleelein
- 90 Nays: None
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- 92 Minutes taken by: Michael Scott, CEO