

Village of Bloomfield Planning Board Meeting October 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Ken Martin. Also present were; Sharol Nixon and Tom Kugris. Absent: Nikki Every and Estelle Hall

In attendance: Barbara Thorpe

The meeting was opened with the pledge.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Martin motioned, Sharol Nixon seconded and it was unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the August meeting as submitted.

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1. Solar Law: Chairman Martin opened the discussion of solar usage in the Village. He explained we currently do not have a local law addressing the specifics of Solar Energy within the Village limits.
2. Mrs. Thorpe wanted to know when the board received the permit request and expressed her concern with the Village not having any policy in place for already addressing Solar and is concerned about the timeframe to get something enacted. Chairman Martin explained to her that the building permits do not come to them, it goes to the Code Enforcement Officer. Therefore, they could not answer that question. She is fearful that if her family is not allowed to move forward with their solar project they could lose out on a large rebate from the IRS.
3. Martin explained the process to her and explained that they were meeting tonight to review and discuss proposed zoning in regard to solar regulations. Then the Planning Board would forward their recommendations to the Board of Trustees for review.
4. Mrs. Thorpe gave the Planning Board a copy of Victor's policy. It has one line. She doesn't understand why we can't do that. Again, Chairman Martin explained the process of going to the Planning Board then a recommendation goes to the Village Board of Trustees. It is then up to the Village Board to make the local law. Mrs. Thorpe asked who the Village attorney was. Mrs. Thorpe believes the Village should have been pro-active. Mr. Kugris explained that the process normally takes months and they are trying to work to get this enacted as quickly as possible. She said she may be seeking legal advice.

Barbara Thorpe left the meeting at 6:50.

5. The members of the Board agreed that they should review the Village of Bloomfield Zoning Law periodically, in order to make sure they are current. Martin suggested reviewing the law an Article or two at a time as time allows.
6. The Board reviewed both the Village of Rushville's and the Town of East Bloomfield's Solar Law. It was agreed by the Planning Board to change the Verbiage of the Village of Rushville's Law to

accommodate the Village needs. It was agreed to modify the height to be 15' and the setback be 30'.

7. Ken made recommendation, seconded by Tom Kugris to recommend to the Board of Trustee with the exception be 15' instead of 35' for the height and the setback be 30'.
8. Elms: No new information was received from Mr. Barry. It was agreed that no public hearing is necessary. It was agreed to table the discussion on the Covenant for the project till next month and wait for more information from Mr. Barry and to have more Planning Board members present. Ken will contact the Mayor or Jim to see if they have heard anything. They will invite Mr. Barry to the next meeting.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Chairman Martin motioned and Mrs. Nixon seconded to close the Planning Board meeting at 7:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger
Village Clerk