

Village of Black River
Planning Board Agenda
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order, roll call & welcome
2. Review of agenda
3. Review & approval of the minutes of February 15, 2023
4. Review of correspondence & communications- Letter from Ambulance Squad
5. Public comments
6. Village Board comments
7. Report from Code Enforcement office
8. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison
9. New Business:
10. Old Business: **Review Solar Codes**
11. Comments of Planning Board Members
12. Adjournment

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Present-

Chairman Stafford
Board Member Morgia
Board Member Hayes
Board Member Shepard
Board Member Leonard

Absent-

Board Member Hoering
Board Member Bauschke

Also Present-

Mike Battista - Surveyor
Bonnie Proven - Village Board Trustee
James Holland- Code Enforcement Officer

Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m.

**Motion to accept January 10, 2023 minutes made by Board Member Hayes and seconded by Board Member Leonard.
All in favor. Motion was carried.**

Correspondence and Communications: None

Village Board Comments: Village Board Trustee Proven stated that the Village Board would like to meet with the Planning Board to discuss Solar Codes.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

Old Business: None

Public Comments: None

New Business: St. Paul's Subdivision

Planning Board Members reviewed the materials for the St. Paul's subdivision located at 208-210 LeRay Street for the approval of the Final Plat.

A motion to waive the public hearing for the subdivision of 208-210 LeRay Street made by Board Member Shepard and seconded by Board Member Leonard. All in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Board Member Shepard and seconded by Board Member Morgia, to approve the subdivision of 208-210 LeRay Street with the condition that the driveway adjoining Lot 1 and Lot 2 be severed on Lot 1 with a five-foot separation of driveway. All in favor. The motion was carried.

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Old Business: Solar Codes

The Board Members reviewed the Model Solar Energy Local Law Example provided by NYSERDA.

The Planning Board members discussed the Model Solar Energy Local Law example and the current Village Solar codes.

Code Enforcement Officer Holland stated a concern regarding the lack of zoning for solar in the village and that it could render the Village vulnerable to the State.

Chairman Stafford questioned what other entities would be involved in the permitting process for a Principal Solar Energy System.

Code Enforcement Officer Holland suggested that the Planning Board might like to consider adding buffer zones, setbacks and a screening plan to the Village Solar code to have a measure of control in how a Solar Farm would present visually.

Chairman Stafford stated his concern regarding fires within a Solar Farm and what the environmental impact of a Solar Farm would have on the soil beneath the panels when removed.

Board Member Morgia suggested that the Village consider sending educational materials to Village residents in a newsletter regarding Solar Farms and leasing property to them.

Chairman Stafford suggested that the Planning Board members review and compare the Model Solar Energy Local Law and the current village solar code at home and make notes for a discussion at the next Planning Board meeting.

Next Meeting March 14, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Board Member Hayes and seconded by Board Member Morgia.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tarra Benson-
Recording Secretary