

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2023

The Planning Commission Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shaw at 7:06 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Shaw, Tlapek, Trierweiler, Day, Hesche

Absent: None

Guests: Jeanne Vandersloot (Zoning Administrator)

Motion was made by Tlapek, supported by Trierweiler, to approve the Agenda of March 1, 2023. All yeas.

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Tlapek, supported by Hesche, to approve the February 1, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. All yeas.

New Business

Shaw informed the Planning Commission that he has been involved in the Well Head Protection Plan Committee which discusses the maintenance and possible replacement of the well head for the Village. Shaw discussed how there may be further discussions for the Planning Commission related to this topic in the future.

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the February 20, 2023 Village Council Meeting Minutes Excerpt related to adopting an ordinance to allow the keeping of backyard chickens and sample ordinances from the City of Grand Rapids & the City of Portland. Day brought up the concern of managing of the enforcement of such an ordinance due to limited resources. The Planning Commission members discussed the concern about how it could affect residents employed by Herbruck's and future employees of Herbruck's that would wish to reside in the village.

Tlapek supported the idea of adopting such an ordinance if there was additional public support.

Motion was made by Hesche, supported by Tlapek, to not pursue an ordinance decision at this time for keeping backyard chickens due to insufficient reasoning or support. All yeas.

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Day informed the Planning Commission that there may be future discussions about amending the ordinance related to the keeping of unlicensed vehicles depending on further research and discussions by the Village Council.

Old Business – None

Public Comments – None.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office unless called off by Chairperson Shaw.

The meeting was adjourned by Shaw at 8:09 p.m.

Steve Trierweiler, Acting Secretary,
Village of Saranac Planning Commission