

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2023

The Planning Commission Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shaw at 7:02 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: Taylor Johnson (Young Life), Caroline Dibaba (Branch Adventures), Annmarie Yerke (Branch Adventures), Jeanne Vandersloot (Zoning Administrator)

Motion was made by Day, supported by Trierweiler, to approve the Agenda of October 4, 2023. All yeas.

Public Comments – None

Motion was made by Day, supported by Tlapek, to approve the August 2, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes and August 17, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. All yeas.

New Business – Discussion of Proposed New Location for River's Edge Youth Center

Johnson described how Young Life, with financial aid from Herbruck's, is looking at purchasing and renovating the old laundromat property (11 N. Bridge St.), to use as a Youth Center. Currently, the Youth Center run by Branch Adventures, which is sharing space with Three Crowns Music Academy (79 N. Bridge St.), is finding the space tight. Branch Adventures is partnering with Young Life to expand and move the Youth Center to a more spacious property.

Tlapek asked if the Youth Center would pay taxes. Johnson answered "no." Young Life is registered as a 501(c)(3), identifies as a church, and is not required to pay taxes. Tlapek voiced concern over properties not paying taxes, decreasing funding for Village projects.

The Planning Commission discussed and agreed that a Special Use Permit would be required, per Section 30.11.02 (B) of the Village Zoning Ordinance, as Young Life identifies as a church.

Old Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

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The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office unless called off by Chairperson Shaw.

The meeting was adjourned by Shaw at 7:44 p.m.

Steve Trierweiler, Secretary
Village of Saranac Planning Commission