

**Alfred Village Planning Board**  
**Minutes for Regular Meeting-Village Hall**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018@7:30 PM**

Present: Herb Ehrig (Chair), Karrie Edwards, Lou Greiff, Barry Eckstein, Kyla Thomas, and Sherman Clarke

Others Present:

1. Approval of the June 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by: Kyla
  - b. Seconded: Lou
2. Applications
  - a. No new Applications, however, there was discussion of Application: 17-0018 in the Executive Session, namely that Brennan Lang made an application “after the fact”. As a result of the Executive Session, a letter was written by Peter McClain to Brennan Lang and signed by Mayor Prophet indicating that the Planning Board’s approval of Application 17-0018 was overturned by the Mayor and the Village Attorney. As of July, Lang has not responded to the letter. At this point the property at 8 Reynolds is non-conforming in 3 areas: Parking lot size with not enough parking spots for the 8 Dwelling Units as confirmed by the CEO, the parking lot is less than the mandatory 25 feet from the road, and that the small driveway on the west side of the property is too close to the neighbor’s property (this was not mentioned in the letter).  
A question was asked about the possibility of Lang legally challenging the Mayor and the Village Board. This will be a continuing issue for the new Village Planning Board Chair (Lou Greiff).
  - b. Herb had a discussion with the CEO who approved a shed on Spruce Street with no application, saying that the shed is up to code and does not require approval by the Village Planning Board. This is a change from the normal process of having the property owner fill out an application and presenting it to the Planning Board. This raises the question of what is the ultimate purpose of the Planning Board.
    - i. Herb mentioned that there is a brochure that discusses these kind of small structures, written by Larry Greil about 6 years ago.
3. CEO Report (No CEO Report)
4. Trustee Report by : (No Trustee Report)
5. Other Business
  - a. Garbage Cleanup on Saratoga  
Sherman was approached by Pam Butcher with a concern about a property between Glen Street and Saratoga which had a parking area filled with car parts and other junk. Sherman advised Pam Butcher to contact the CEO (Chuck Cagle). The CEO did issue 2 summonses to the property. At this time the property is cleaned up aside from some toys thrown around.

- b. Herb received a Package (To Whom It May Concern), from David Godfried, Deputy Director of Business Development at the Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology. At this point The Village Planning Board has nothing to with this project.
  - c. Kyla is working on getting other members of the Board and the Mayor to come to some of the Village Planning meetings
  - d. Barry passed out copies of some material from the conference at Houghton College concerning Zoning and the Comprehensive Plan.
    - i. A discussion followed concerning the Comprehensive Plans of Alleghany County and Alfred. There were 2 guests that sat in on the meeting and were very familiar the process of creating a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Alfred, the last recorded Comprehensive Plan was done in 2003. The main problem then was that there were basically two factions: People that wanted to turn Alfred into “Mayberry”, and others who did not see that “dream” approach as something that is economically feasible.
    - ii. I was asked to get more information on these plans.
6. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Kyla
  - b. Seconded by Barry
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted from Barry Eckstein

