



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

TOPIC: Board Member Application – Planning Commission

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

Former Commissioner Nick Smith resigned effective June 3, 2024, with his term set to expire on April 30, 2026. Additionally, a vacancy has arisen due to Former Vice Chairperson George Dandalides now serving on the Village Council. His term would have expired on April 30, 2025. Therefore, there are currently two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission consists of nine members: the Village President, a Village Council member, the Village's Administrative Official, and six "Other Persons" who represent various professions or occupations. These six members are appointed by the Village President, subject to approval by a majority of the Village Council. Appointed members cannot hold another Village office, except for one member who may also serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The term for the "Other Persons" is three years or until a successor is appointed. Their terms begin on May 1 or (or upon appointment), and are staggered, with approximately one-third of terms expiring each year on April 30.

According to the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, the Planning Commission shall elect its officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary) from among its members. The Commission may also create and fill other offices as deemed necessary. An ex-officio member of the Commission is not eligible to serve as Chairperson. The term of each officer shall be one year, with opportunity for reelection. Officers are elected at the first regular meeting in May and will serve until their successors are elected and assume office.

James Barry has applied to serve on the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

On February 5, 2024, the Planning Commission voted not to discontinue the \$10 compensation per meeting. As a result, there will be no financial impact in appointing any new Commissioner to the Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To appoint James Barry as a Commissioner to serve on the Village of Lake Orion Planning Commission, with a term to expire on April 30, 2025.