Comments for May 21, 2021 Public Hearing for Houses of Worship

Due to the last-minute changes made to the proposed zoning laws, I urge the Village Board to keep the public hearing open. This will allow residents who couldn't attend the public hearing or review the updated documents to be able to submit their comments and questions. The Village Board and the professionals need to answer the questions and address the comments. We also need to wait for Orange County Planning Department to send in their comments.

Need input from the Fire and police departments and Blooming Grove Ambulance Corp. We need input from our first responders.

Proposed changes have to meet the comprehensive plan.

Need to list the requirements for applicants for Houses of Worship.

- 1. How many exits will be required?
- 2. How many attendees are allowed?
- 3. Will sprinkler systems be required?
- 4. Parking
- 5. Distance between houses of worship and regular homes?
- 6. Outline other safety requirements.

Resolution to Establish Lead Agency has to be updated with new date instead of April 12, 2021.

The 235 Attachment 1 Table of General Use Requirements was not included in the second package.

Explain the elimination of Section A (2)(a) (1) (a) (vii) which deals with threatened or endangered flora or fauna

Explain the language of Section A (3) (a) regarding affordable housing.

In your addition in Section C (3) (b) – the word plat should be plan or plot. Has to be corrected.

The changes to the height and description of how to measure the height if passed will obstruct the scenic views and negatively impact the Village.

Section C (b) (1) (c) regarding footprint should stay the same and not changed.

Regarding the EAF:

The first EAF was signed by the Mayor and the new one is not – why?

Page 2 (B) dates have to be updated.

Page 3 (C.3) the answer was yes, but explanation is not provided and answered as N/A.

Questions from pages 3 through 13 were not answered.

Page 5 – has questions about demand for water and wastewater – not answered.

Page 9 – E.1(b) under Other states entire Town – need explanation

Part 2 of EAF – page 6 Item 9 Impact on Aesthetic Resources was answered No. However, Item B should have been answered as Moderate to large impact may occur.

Also, there will be impacts on the roads.

Will there be a limit of how many houses of worship will be allowed?

Regarding the financial impact, there are already 6 parcels that are tax exempt totaling \$505,200 in the Village. There is another parcel where there was a major tax reduction of \$497,900 – total assessed value off the tax rolls is \$1,003,100. It is tentative. You can find this information in the Town of Blooming Grove Assessor's Department.

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