Village of Black River
Planning Board
Agenda
May 12, 2026
6:30 P.M.

- Call to order
- Review of agenda
- Review & approve meeting minutes: **March 10, 2026**
- Review correspondence & communications:
- Public comments
- Report from Code Enforcement Officer: Code Enforcement Officer Ault stated he issued one permit in April. He also completed 24 hours of Inservice Training in Syracuse. He addressed one complaint for Smoke detector malfunction and one complaint for black mold.
- New Business:
- Old Business:
- Comments from Planning Board members
- Adjournment

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Village of Black River
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting
April 16, 2026
6:30 PM

Present:

Chairman Shepard
Member Aldrich
Member Branagan
Member Hayes
Member Kowalick
Member Mace
Member Morgia
Member Proven

Absent:

Member Stafford
Member Benson

Others Present:

Matt Johnson — Re: Tug Hill Commission

Maria Covey

Samuel Wilson — Re: Jefferson County

Community Development Coordinator Planning Dept.

Meeting began at 6:30 PM

The Minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting were reviewed.
Member Branagan motioned for them to be approve, 2nd by Member Hayse, **all were in favor.**

Public Comments: Mayor Leonard thanked the Tug Hill Commission and the Committee for their continued efforts toward the Comprehensive Plan.

Sam Wilson discussed a variety of grant opportunities available to the Village. He also explained ways the community may qualify for grants, including: Becoming a Pro-Housing Community, participating in the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities program and focusing on complete streets and sidewalk improvements within the Comprehensive Plan

Continued progress with the Comprehensive Plan:

Meetings Focus: Parks and recreation in the Village. The primary focus of the meeting was Parks and recreation within the village, with particular attention given improvements at Maple Street Park, the Villages main park. Discussion included collaborating with local groups to help promote recreational opportunities. Expanding the recreation building to accommodate increased participation. Installing lighting and making additional improvements to recreation facilities.

Developing additional community activities and events to encourage greater public involvement.

Ideas discussed included: a 5K event on the Black River Trail with Fort Drum as a possible sponsor. Organized runs within the village. A winter festival featuring snow sculpture building by local residents. Summer block parties also one in the winter. Organizing kickball and or pickleball leagues.

Additional Discussion:

B.R.I.C Committee Member Melissa Liversedge discussed compiling a summer concert schedule. Possible locations near the Karmargo Apartments were considered to improve accessibility for residents who may have trouble with transportation or mobility.

Maria will research how to obtain drawings for parking spaces at Maple St. Park and determine the appropriate contacts for the project.

The committee also discussed the Village newsletter distributed with the quarterly water bills. Consideration was given to expanding the newsletter to a monthly publication and adding a link on the Village website so residents may access it online

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by member Hayse and seconded by Member Morgia. **All were in favor**. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Yawger
Deputy Clerk