

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 10, 2021

On the above date, via Zoom Meeting, Attorney Joe McGroarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and made a statement in compliance with Sunshine Law.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kathy Brady, Kevin Cain, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Barry Horas, Joe Martin, Paul Smisek and Donna Riegel.

Board Attorney Joe McGroarty and Board Secretary Vicki Cantell

Absent: Doreen Kelly and Bill Montag.

Minutes – On the motion of Gail Haviland, second of Paul Smisek and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of April 12, 2021.

City Council Report – Donna Riegel reported the City Council would address, under unfinished business, the filling of the gravel pit with dredging material. She stated that the fill is done in layers with another material in between the dredging spoils after they have dried. Council has been assured that there will be no odor but some Councilmembers have expressed concerns so that will be part of the discussion.

She also stated that Mayor Gary retired, noting in his resignation letter that he suffers from “OLD.” Interim Mayor Stan Kozlowski was unable to attend tonight because he had a previous appointment and will be at the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Cannabis Legislation – Attorney McGroarty researched and explained the new legislation regarding the approval of cannabis for New Jersey. If a City wishes to prohibit any or all industries related to cannabis it is up to City Council to do so by August 22. If they do not have an ordinance in place by then all parts of the legislation are in effect for five years. Only if they allow any part of the industries does the Planning Board then get involved. Donna Riegel informed the Board that City Council’s agenda for May 11th includes a first reading to prohibit all cannabis related industries. They are also working on one to prohibit the use of cannabis in public buildings and on the streets. She further noted that at the last Mayor’s meeting it was found that of those in attendance only Northfield was considering allowing it. The question of where Galloway Township was raised and Donna replied that there was not a representative in attendance so she had no knowledge on their stance.

OLD BUSINESS

Allen, Block 14, Lot 7 - The resolution to approve the pole barn height variance was reviewed by members. On the motion of Gail Haviland, second of Donna Riegel and carried by eligible members Kathy Brady, Kevin Cain, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Barry Horas, Joe Martin, Paul Smisek, and Donna Riegel.

Zarillo, Block 11, Lot 33 – The resolution to approve the fence height variance was reviewed by members. On the motion of Donna Riegel, second of Bob Haviland and carried by eligible members Kathy Brady, Kevin Cain, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Barry Horas, Joe Martin, Paul Smisek, and Donna Riegel.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – There was no public in attendance

CORRESPONDENCE – Notification of Letter of Interpretation – Line Verification Application for Block 34, Lot 4, Strickland was received.

BILLS – No bills at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – On the motion of Paul Smisek, second of Donna Riegel and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Vicki L. Cantell, Board Secretary