

**PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

February 6, 2023

On the above date Planning Board Chairman Barry Horas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. After the Flag Salute he made a statement in compliance with Sunshine Law.

Roll Call

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

Board Attorney Joe McGroarty and Board Secretary Vicki Cantell

Absent: Doreen Kelly and Bill Montag,

Minutes – On the motion of Donna Riegel, second of Gail Haviland and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of January 9, 2023 with the insertion of NOT into ‘Gail Haviland wishing not to be nominated.’

City Council Report – Mrs. Riegel noted that City Council had not met since our last meeting as their reorganization preceded the Board’s meeting. She stated that she would present the Board’s recommendation on the Area in Need of Redevelopment.

NEW BUSINESS – Pinelands Stormwater Management

Pinelands has amended its Stormwater Management regulations and is requiring the City to adopt the same standards.

City Engineer representative Debra Wahl explained to the Board that Pinelands has updated their regulations to align with the DEP. They are requiring smaller basins and more green strips (grass) in order to more widely and slowly disperse water run-off.

Bob Haviland suggested that this might be a good opportunity to approach Pinelands about closing the old dump. A discussion took place on reopening this subject. It was noted that the dump was closed around 1970 and the test wells have never shown any contamination. Closing the dump would save the city thousands of dollars per year. Mayor Giberson stated that she would look into the matter.

On the motion of Bob Haviland, second of Joe Martin and carried by unanimous roll call vote to recommend to City Council that the Master Plan and City Code be updated to reflect these new regulations.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – There was no one in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE – The New Jersey Planner

BILLS – On the motion of Kathy Brady, second of Joe Martin and carried by unanimous roll call vote to pay the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT – On the motion of Paul Smisek, second of Donna Riegel and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Vicki L. Cantell, Board Secretary