

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday July 23, 2020

Present:

Chairman Larry Lonergan
Deputy Mayor Alex Roman

Ms. Jessica Pearson

Mr. Tim Camuti

Mr. Greg Mascera, Planning Board Attorney

Mr. Glen Beckmeyer, Township Engineer

Ms. Melissa Collins

Mayor Jack McEvoy

Mr. Steven Neale

Mr. Al DeOld

Ashley Neale, Planning Board Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:36 P.M. by Chairman Lonergan. This meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Lonergan reads Open Public Meetings Act Statement and explains how the public can raise their virtual hands to participate in the meeting.

Roll Call is taken.

Re-Organization of the Planning Board

Chairman Lonergan notes that Mr. Mascera has sworn in the following members:

Alex Roman as Class III Member whose term expires June 30, 2021

Tim Camuti as Alternate #1 whose term expires June, 30, 2022

Mr. Mascera notes that Jim Kirby will be sworn in as Class IV Member whose term expires June 30, 2020, before the next meeting.

Chairman Lonergan asks for nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Camuti nominates Mr. Lonergan, Ms. Pearson seconds. Roll Call was taken, All present voted in favor.

Chairman Lonergan asks for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mayor McEvoy nominates Jim Kirby, Deputy Mayor Roman seconds, All present voted in favor.

Chairman Lonergan notes he would like to combine items 6, 7 and 8 into one vote, They are as follows:

6. Appointment of the Planning Board Secretary by Resolution

7. Appointment of the Planning Board Attorney by Resolution

8. Approval of 2020-2021 Meeting Dates by Resolution

Chairman Lonergan asks for a motion to approve these resolutions, Ms. Pearson makes that motion. Deputy Mayor Roman seconds. All present voted in favor. Mr. Neale abstained from voting on Appointment of the Planning Board Secretary.

Chairman Lonergan notes that the current official newspapers of the Board are the Verona Cedar Grove Times, and the Star Ledger. He adds that MyVeronaNJ.com and TapInto are official online new sources. He asks for a motion to continue to have these as the official news sources for the Board. Mr. Camuti makes the motion, Mr. DeOld seconds. All present vote in favor.

Re-Organization of Sub-Committees

After some discussion the Sub-Committees for 2020-2021 are as follows.

Architectural Review Board: Mr. Michael DeCarlo, Assistant Township Engineer, Melissa Collins, Deputy Mayor Roman, Mayor McEvoy

Site Plan and Subdivision Committee: Mr. Michael DeCarlo, Assistant Township Engineer, Mr. Neale, Ms. Collins

Landscape and Environmental Committee: Mr. Michael DeCarlo, Assistant Township Engineer, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Camuti

Master Plan Implementation Committee: Mr. Michael DeCarlo, Assistant Township Engineer, Chairman Lonergan, Mr. DeOld, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Greg Mascera, Planning Board Attorney

Chairman Lonergan notes that application 2020-01, Site Plan application 25 Mount Prospect Street, Montclair Golf Club, needs to be adjourned until the August 27th meeting.

Public Hearing

Chairman Lonergan asks if anyone from the public would like to address the board on topics not on this meeting's agenda. No public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lonergan asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the Boards Special meeting on February 18, 2020. Ms. Pearson makes the motion, Mr. DeOld seconds. Ms. Collins abstains. All in favor, Aye.

Chairman Lonergan asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the Boards Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2020. Mr. DeOld makes the motion, Ms. Collins seconds. Mr. Neale, Deputy Mayor Roman and Mayor McEvoy abstain, all others vote in favor.

Chairman Lonergan asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the Boards Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2020. Mr. Camuti makes the motion, Ms. Collins seconds. All vote in favor.

Resolutions

Chairman Lonergan asks the Board if everyone has had a chance to read the Resolution "Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Bobcar Corp., Neil Joy LLC, and Forson Partners, LLC, with Regard to Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15 and ESX-L-7108-19. He asks if there are any questions or concerns, seeing none, he asks for a motion to approve the 22 page agreement between the Township of Verona and Verona Planning Board and the above listed parties. Ms. Collins makes the motion, Mr. DeOld seconds. Roll Call is taken. All present vote in favor.

Chairman Lonergan asks for a motion to approve the resolution Authorizing the Settlement between the above parties. Mr. Neale makes the motion, Ms. Pearson seconds. Roll Call is taken. All present vote in favor.

Chairman Lonergan asks if there is anyone from the public that would like to comment on any of the matter discussed by the Board tonight. No public participation.

Chairman Lonergan notes that at the next Regular Meeting on August 27, the Board will here the Site Plan Application for Montclair Golf Club with no further public notice.

Adjourn

After a motion made Deputy Mayor Roman and seconded by Mr. Camuti, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Neale
Planning Board Secretary

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