

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2010**

Board Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. This meeting was video-streamed.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Fonde, Huckins, Malay, Orr, Santoro, Spitzer, Winter, Bianchi, Gilmore

Members late: Parsekian (7:38 p.m.)

Members absent: Del Vento

Board Attorney Stuart Koenig, Board Planner Frank Banisch, and Assistant Township Planner David Schley were also present.

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

“In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975, notice of this public hearing of the Planning Board of the Township of Bernards was posted on the bulletin board in the reception hall of the Municipal Building, Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, was mailed to the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville, NJ, and to the Courier News, Bridgewater, NJ all on December 9, 2009, and was mailed to all those people who have requested individual notice and paid the required fee.

“The following procedure has been adopted by the Bernards Township Planning Board. There will be no new cases heard after 10:00 p.m., and no new witnesses or new testimony heard after 10:30 p.m.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Malay to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010, Reorganization meeting, as drafted.

Roll call:

Aye: Fonde, Huckins, Malay, Orr, Santoro, Spitzer, Bianchi, Winter

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF CHARGES AGAINST ESCROW ACCOUNTS

The motion was made by Mr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Huckins to approve the charges submitted by Stuart Koenig, Esq. for November 2009, and by Banisch Associates for November 2009.

Roll call:

Aye: Fonde, Huckins, Malay, Orr, Santoro, Spitzer, Bianchi, Winter

Motion carried

COMPLETENESS REVIEW- Fellowship Village, Inc. – Block 9301, Lot 33 – 8000 Fellowship Road – Preliminary and Final Site Plan (Community Center Addition)

Board members noted that Mr. Schley's January 6, 2010 memo indicated that two items had not been submitted. Mr. Schley stated that the outstanding fee had been paid and that the applicant was requesting a waiver of the project report/environmental impact assessment. The motion was made by Mr. Malay and seconded by Mr. Orr to deem the application, granting the requested waiver.

Roll call:

Aye: Fonde, Huckins, Malay, Orr, Santoro, Spitzer, Bianchi, White

Motion carried

Ms. Parsekian joined the meeting.

MASTER PLAN RE-EVALUATION DISCUSSION

- Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Plan Element – Draft #1

Mr. Banisch said that the draft of the Green Plan Element had been distributed to the Board. He said that the plan element should agree with the Township's goals and fit in with long term planning.

Mr. Malay raised two general issues. He said the specifics of an implementation plan were inappropriate for the Master Plan. He also noted that some of the Green Team's recommendations applied to organizations other than the Township Committee and were therefore not appropriate for inclusion in the Master Plan.

Board members discussed these specific recommendations. Mr. Banisch asked if the Green Team's action plan should be included as a separate appendix. Board members decided that the Action Plan should not be a part of this document.

Board members suggested that more definitions of the terms used be included. Mr. Koenig noted that such definitions need to be scrutinized since they can be used to define the negative criteria that the Board of Adjustment uses to evaluate variances.

A subcommittee of the Board (John Malay, Ann Parsekian, Bert Fonde, Richard Huckins) and one member of the Green Team will meet with Mr. Banisch to discuss further revisions.

Appointment of Planning Board Representative for Mediation Hearings re Millington Quarry Inc. v. Bernards Township Planning Board

Motion was made by Mr. Santoro and seconded by Mr. Malay to appoint Scott Spitzer to represent the Planning Board at the mediation hearings. Mr. Spitzer noted that since Ms. Gaziano was now a Committee Member, she could not represent the Planning Board at the Quarry mediation hearings. Board members discussed if Mr. Spitzer should be the PB representative, given the fact that he is also a member of the Township Committee. The discussion was tabled for a further meeting.

Comments from Members

Board members discussed the Master Plan schedule. The next Master Plan discussion will be on February 15. Board members indicated that they would like to schedule the public hearings by the second meeting in March (March 16, 2010).

Comments from Staff

The scheduled viewing of the mandatory Anti-Harassment Training Session video was not held due to equipment problems. Board members indicated that they would view the video from the Township website and send Ms. Florio their certifications.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Florio
Secretary to the Board