

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
HELD AT OAKLAND SENIOR CENTER  
20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey

Pursuant to Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by:

- ❑ Adoption of an annual schedule of meetings
- ❑ Posting a copy of same at Borough Hall
- ❑ Forwarding a copy of same to The Record
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\*\* MEETINGS CONCLUDE AT 10:30 P.M., THEREFORE, NO TESTIMONY WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 10:00 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Thomas Connolly, John Madden, Jason Shafron, Lee Haymon, Nicholas DiLandro, Dan Hagberg, Elaine T. Rowin, John Morris, Councilwoman Coira, Mayor Linda H. Schwager and Chairman Thomas Potash.

FLAG SALUTE, MEETING OPENED AT 7:03 P.M., ROLL CALL:

Present: Messrs. Connolly, DiLandro, Hagberg, Morris, Councilwoman Coira and Chairman Potash.

Absent: Mrs. Rowin, Messrs. Madden, Shafron, Haymon and Mayor Schwager\*

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiLandro, to excuse the absence of Mrs. Rowin, Messrs. Madden, Shafron, Haymon was voted unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Joseph Russo, Esq., Board Attorney and Mr. Steve Lydon were also in attendance.

Mr. Connolly sitting in for Mr. Shafron.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Coira, to open the meeting to the public for items not on the agenda was voted unanimously by the Board.

No comments.

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Coira, to close the meeting to the public for items not on the agenda was voted unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Green – 81 Lakeview Terrace, Block 2518, Lot 16. Request to carry to the January 11, 2018 public hearing.

Chairman Potash announced that the Green application will be carried to the January 11, 2018 public hearing with no further notice.

2. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Presentation given by The Land Conservancy.

Mr. Russo confirmed for the Board that all the requested changes were made and included the date of Mr. Lydon's report. The Board has already voted in favor of adopting the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update and he has prepared a resolution to memorialize that decision.

\*Mayor Schwager entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Lydon explained that the Board's action on the OSRP is considered an Element of the Master Plan and will continue to assist the Borough in achieving grant money. The goals incorporated in the plan are consistent with the goals supported by the Borough. He recommends that the Board adopt the plan.

Chairman Potash confirmed the notice was complete. Mr. Lydon responded that copies of the resolution and plan were forwarded to the surrounding counties and was duly advertised.

A discussion ensued concerning using grant money for the purchase of the Bi-County property. Mr. Lydon responded that the OSRP grant money cannot be used for the purchase of the Bi-County property and Borough will not qualify for any more funding for that property until we are out of Plan Conformance.

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Councilwoman Coira, to open the meeting to the public regarding matters concerning the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update was voted unanimously by the Board.

Ms. Nancy Krause, Chair for the Environmental Commission, thanked the Board for their decision to adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan. She expressed that she looks forward to applying the plan during her service to the town. Mayor Schwager thanked Ms. Krause and the Environmental Commission for their dedication to the town.

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Councilwoman Coira, to close the meeting to the public regarding matters concerning the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update was voted unanimously by the Board.

#### MEMORIALIZATION:

Motioned by Mr. DiLandro and seconded by Mr. Hagberg, to memorialize the adoption of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update.

Roll Call:       Ayes: Messrs. Connolly, DiLandro, Hagberg, Morris, Councilwoman Coira,  
Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Rowin, Messrs. Madden, Shafron and Haymon.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Mr. Morris, to approve payment of bills contingent to the availability of funds.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Schwager, to approve the November 9, 2017 minutes as amended.

Roll Call:       Ayes: Messrs. Connolly, DiLandro, Hagberg, Morris, Mayor  
Schwager and Chairman Potash.  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Councilwoman Coira  
Absent: Mrs. Rowin, Messrs. Madden, Shafron and Haymon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt 2018 Planning Board meeting schedule:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiLandro, to adopt the 2018 Planning Board meeting schedule was voted unanimously by the Board.

RFQ Committees were formed (Chairman, Mr. Morris and Mr. DiLandro).

Chairman Potash informed the Board that improvements are being proposed by Indian Hills High School to the home and visitor bleachers. The bleachers are being replaced within the original footprint with a minor increase to impervious coverage. Ms. Mejia questioned if the Board wanted a representative from the high school to present the improvements with a courtesy review. The consensus of the Board was that a courtesy review was not necessary and authorized Mr. Russo to send a letter giving the Boards consent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Chairman Potash thanked the Board for their work and commitment for the year and thanked Councilwoman Coira as liaison to the Board.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

Motioned by Mr. DiLandro and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathlyn Gurney, Administrative Assistant

\*Next meeting on January 11, 2018.