

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2015 - 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:

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PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Knapp, Jason Shafron, Lee Haymon, Nicholas DiLandro, Dan Hagberg, Elaine T. Rowin, John Morris, Councilman Jensen, Mayor Linda H. Schwager and Chairman Thomas Potash.

FLAG SALUTE, MEETING OPENED AT 7:06 P.M., ROLL CALL:

Present: Messrs. Knapp, Madden, DiLandro, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Jensen and Chairman Potash.

Absent: Mr. Shafron Mrs. Rowin and Mayor Schwager

Also in attendance Mr. Joseph Russo, Esq., Board Attorney.

Motioned by DiLandro and seconded by Councilman Jensen, to excuse the absences were voted unanimously by the Board.

Chairman Potash announced that Mr. Madden would be sitting for Mrs. Rowin and Mr. Knapp would be sitting for Mayor Schwager.

Chairman Potash noted for the record that there was no public to open the meeting to.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Roy – 12 Silver Birch Avenue, Block 1703, Lot 6. . Public hearing for a minor subdivision and bulk variances.

Chairman Potash announced that the applicant for the Roy subdivision has requested to carry to the April 9, 2015 public hearing with no further notice.

MEMORIALIZATION:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motioned Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Hagberg, for the payment of bills subject to the availability of funds.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes: Messrs. Knapp, Madden, DiLandro, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris,  
                                  Councilman Jensen and Chairman Potash.  
                                  Nays: None  
                                  Abstain: None  
                                  Absent: Mr. Shafron, Rowin and Mayor Schwager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by DiLandro and seconded by Mr. Morris, to approve the February 12, 2015 minutes as amended.

Roll call vote:           Ayes: Messrs. Madden, Knapp, DiLandro, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris,  
                                  Councilman Jensen and Chairman Potash  
                                  Nays: None  
                                  Abstain: None  
                                  Absent: Mr. Shafron, Mrs. Rowin and Mayor Schwager.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hagberg informed the Board that he and Mr. Russo have been discussing the possibility of the Japanese School building chicken coups on the property in order to teach the students how to raise chickens. He explained that it was decided that this proposal would be an expanded use and would need board approval. It would need to go to the Zoning Board.

Mr. Hagberg explained that in the other towns he works for, the request for raising chickens for their eggs and beehives for the honey are becoming popular with residential properties. They do not allow roosters to eliminate the noise factor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Russo questioned the Board if they feel Reed Academy should go back to the Board to erect a traffic light the school is proposing to put within a portion of the parking lot to teach children with Autism how to obey traffic signals.

A discussion ensued concerning how close the traffic light would be to the main street and if it would be confusing for traffic. Mr. Hagberg responded that he discussed it with Officer Frank Fiore who had no issues with the traffic light. He explained that the light sits approximately 68-feet off Bauer Drive and the light will be on when they are instructing the students and off when there is no instruction.

The consensus of the Board was to allow the Building Department to handle as long as they make sure that it is for instructional purposes only, whether the traffic light would be free-standing, would the traffic light interfere with the street and the height of the pole for the traffic light.

Chairman Potash reminded the Board to keep an open mind and vote how you feel concerning the Roy application. This is not a team effort. Mr. Morris added that even though you are not in favor of an application, if an application meets all of the criteria, the Planning Board's job is to vote fairly.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Motioned by Mr. Haymon and seconded by Mr. Knapp, 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 March 12, 2015.