

MINUTES

PLANNING BOARD

TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Craig Johnson.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that the meeting was being held in conformance with all regulations of the SUNSHINE LAW and proper notice had been given to the Courier News; also, the Agenda had been posted on the Township website. The Agenda for the meeting, as well as instructions for public participation in the meeting, have also been posted on the Township website and sent to the newspaper of record. The Agenda items will not necessarily be heard in the order listed and the meeting will not continue significantly past 10:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Niceforo, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Cuocci, Ms. Poage and Ms. Illis.

Adoption of Minutes:

April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Niceforo, seconded by Mr. Hall, to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2022 as presented. The voice vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing and Adoption of Master Plan:

Keenan Hughes, Township Planner, presented the proposed Master Plan consisting of Volume I – Existing Conditions Analysis, and Volume II – Vision, Goals and Recommendations. Mr. Hughes summarized the substantial changes made to the Master Plan since the last presentation as well as some minor administrative changes that will be included in the final draft.

Discussion took place regarding accessory dwelling units, the need to address traffic in a more substantial manner, reduction of negative environmental impacts and storm water management.

Open to the Public

The hearing was opened to the public for comments and questions regarding the Master Plan.

Steve Carrellas, Sycamore Avenue, commented on the Master Plan and pointed out a typographical error with regard to Sherman Avenue. Mr. Hughes noted the correction.

Julie Lloyd raised a question regarding accessory dwelling units and Mr. Hughes advised that the Plan refers only to residential health care facilities and not residential dwellings.

Board Comments

Members of the Board expressed their opinions regarding the Master Plan and the consensus was in favor of adopting the Master Plan.

Mr. Robertson reviewed the proposed Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Niceforo, seconded by Mr. Medeiros, to approve the Master Plan as presented and to adopt the Resolution memorializing the action of the Board. The roll call vote was 7-0 with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Niceforo, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Cuocci, Ms. Poage and Ms. Illis voting in favor and none opposed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Poage, seconded by Mr. Niceforo, to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Regina Giardina, Secretary Pro-Tem