

WHITE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
555 CR 519, BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2022

A special meeting of the White Township Planning Board was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Present were: Timothy Matthews, Robert Mackey, Anna Skoog (arriving at 7:15), Joan Schnieber, Nevitt Duveneck, Drew Kiszona, Chanda Collom and David Pritchard (arriving at 7:05). Board Members Absent: Richard Nieuwenhuis, Joseph Phillips, and Michael Grossmann. Also present: Board Attorney Tara St. Angelo, Board Engineer/Planner Paul Sterbenz and Planner Daniel Bloch.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", with adequate notice to the appropriate newspapers, posting on the township bulletin board, and the township website.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Matthews opened the meeting to the public for non-agenda items.

Dee Spencer stated that she has an ECHO house on her property for an elderly family member and she asked the Board if she can keep the ECHO house for another elderly family member. Mr. Sterbenz and Ms. St. Angelo reviewed the resolution and the deed restrictions and they deemed that there was nothing stating that the ECHO house can only be utilized for a specific person. It appears that the ECHO house is permitted as long as an elderly family member resides in it.

With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

David Pritchard and Anna Skoog arrived.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Hearing Amended Housing Element & Fair Share Plan

Mr. Sterbenz and Mr. Bloch presented the Affordable Housing Element & Fair Share Plan and they reviewed the Township's obligation and the Plan. Mr. Bloch discussed the changes that were made from 2017 Plan. Board Members asked questions regarding the Plan's future credits and funding, which were addressed by Mr. Sterbenz, Mr. Bloch, and Ms. St. Angelo.

Mr. Matthews opened the hearing to the public. With there being no further public comment, the hearing was then closed to the public.

Mr. Duveneck made the motion to adopt the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. Motion seconded by Mrs. Skoog In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 8 AYES

Motion Carries

Public Hearing Area in Need of Redevelopment Investigation, Block 53, Lot 1

Mr. Sterbenz and Mr. Bloch presented the Redevelopment Investigation for Block 53 Lot 1. Mr. Bloch, discuss the evaluations and investigations that that led to the grant that the township received. Board Members asked questions regarding financial obligations, responsibility for rehabilitating, and road improvements, which were addressed by Mr. Sterbenz, Mr. Bloch, and Ms. St. Angelo.

Mr. Matthews opened the meeting for public comment.

Several residents had questions regarding the type of businesses that are currently going into the Plaza and what business may go into The Plaza in the future.

With there being no further public comment, the hearing was then closed to the public.

Mrs. Skoog made the motion to adopt the Redevelopment Investigation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Collom. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 8 AYES

Motion Carries

Ms. St. Angelo suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work on the Redevelopment, if the Township Committee moves forward with the Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 8 AYES

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Brielle Whitmore
Substitute Board Secretary

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