#### TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING May 7, 2009

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

The meeting of the Ocean Township Planning Board was held on the above date and time; Chairman Anepete presided and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

**STATEMENT:** Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Times-Beacon and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:	Vince Anepete	Robert Knowles	Rita Sweeney	Lee Eagles
	Ralph Avellino	Ronald Negra	Dennis Tredy	
	James Eckert	Richard Reilly	Gordon VonSchmidt	

Members Absent: Craig James

Chairman Anepete asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2009 Regular Meeting. Mr. Eagles made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting. Mr. Negra seconded the motion. Mr. Eagles explained that he would like to have more time to review the revised minutes and review the tape recording. Chairman Anepete reminded the board that amendments can be made to the minutes. Further discussion from the board took place regarding the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting. Mr. Yost clarified that the minutes are not a transcript. Mr. Yost suggested that the residents of Greenbriar could hire a court certified stenographer if they want an exact record of the meeting. The motion to table the minutes was withdrawn by Mr. Eagles. Mr. Avellino made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Tredy. Mr. Yost also advised the members of the board that had recused themselves from hearing the application because they remained in the room and heard the meeting, they would be eligible to vote on the minutes. All in favor: (aye) Avellino, Tredy, Eckert, Reilly, Anepete. Against: Negra, Sweeney, Eagles.

Chairman Anepete asked for a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Avellino made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mrs. Sweeney seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye) Avellino, Sweeney, Eckert, Knowles, Negra, Reilly, Tredy, Eagles, Anepete. Abstain: VonSchmidt.

Chairman Anepete stated that the correspondence is available in the board office for review at any time.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Avellino commented on Mr. Travisano's April 6, 2009 letter that was mailed by the board secretary to the board members by the direction of the Chairman. He felt that Mr. Travisano's comment regarding the board members who had recused themselves didn't leave the building was not warranted. Chairman Anepete asked Mr. Yost for his legal opinion as to whether or not members are allowed to sit in the audience if they recues themselves and Mr. Yost said that was absolutely acceptable. The board further discussed conflicts of interest. Mr. Yost said that due to the sensitivity that has been shown by the board, if a similar question were to come up, a more in depth discussion would most likely take place. Mr. Yost assured the board that he will do the best job he can to take into consideration all the facts when he makes a decision to give advice to any member on a conflict.

Chairman Anepete brought up that a Planning Board could have up to four alternates. Under the circumstances where possibly four of the board members may have to step down in the future, the board could be left without a quorum. Based on that, Chairman Anepete advised the board secretary to draft a letter to the Township Committee suggesting that two additional alternates be appointed to the board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

# Resolution No. 10-09-PB, Lennar Corporation, Greenbriar Section 8, Block 57.10, Lots 278-396, Docket No. 05-08-PB, Major Preliminary Subdivision.

Mr. Tredy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Avellino seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye) Tredy, Avellino, Negra, Sweeney, Eagles, Anepete.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Seeing none.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing none.

Mrs. Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eagles seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor, Secretary