

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 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
	Ralph Avellino	Ronald Negra	Dennis Tredy
	James Eckert	Richard Reilly	Gordon Von Schmidt

Members Absent: Lee Eagles, Craig James

Chairman Anepete asked for two amendments to be made to the minutes on page 4 and page 1. Secretary acknowledged the changes that need to be made. Chairman Anepete asked for a motion to take action on the minutes of the August 6, 2009, Regular Meeting. Mr. Tredy made the motion to approve the minutes as changed. Mr. Avellino seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye) Tredy, Avellino, Eckert, Reilly, Sweeney, Anepete.

Chairman Anepete asked for a motion to take action on the voucher list. Mr. Reilly made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Avellino inquired about the bills that need to be paid for the Ocean County Landfill. Mr. Tredy seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye) Reilly, Tredy, Avellino, Eckert, Knowles, Negra, Sweeney, Von Schmidt, Anepete.

Correspondence list was attached in the board's packet and the Chairman offered that if anyone would like to review the correspondence it is always available in the board office.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Anepete spoke regarding the outstanding ordinances that the board has spoken about at past meetings. The Chairman has a list of previously discussed ordinances. A workshop session was suggested where the entire board could participate in conversations concerning these

ordinances. An agenda of ordinances to be discussed would be set up ahead of time and information will be given to the board members to review in the packets. Mr. Avellino suggested working the workshop into our regular meeting since the agenda's have been fairly light. The workshop will be put on the agenda as a topic of discussion at the next meeting. The tree ordinance was briefly discussed and Mr. Knowles gave the input of the Environmental Commission that the Commission would like to meet with Wayne McVicar and give some input on the ordinance before the Planning Board speaks about the tree ordinance again.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 12-09-PB, Docket 02-09-PB, DelPrete/Casey, Block 171, Lot 1, Minor Subdivision, DENIAL.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Seeing none.

A motion by Mr. Eckert was made to open to the public, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney. All in favor: (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

Mayor Robert Kraft approached. Mayor Kraft advised the board that the Township Committee had been advised by council not to move on the tree ordinance at the time it came before them because of a pending litigation case in Jackson. Jackson has appealed the decision which is why this ordinance was held-over. Mayor Kraft revisited Mr. Avellino's previous question on the Ocean Township Landfill invoice. Mr. Yost, Attorney, explained his time for billing and research that went into researching the Pinelands Certification to see if the board could take action before this was filed, ultimately it was decided that the board had to wait to receive the certification. Mayor Kraft said the bill would be paid through township funds. Mayor Kraft also spoke about the bollards that were discussed in detail at the August 6, 2009 meeting and gave a history on them. At the Township Committee meeting there were many people in favor of them. It has never been resolved who really owns the property. The bollards are not the break-away type. Mayor Kraft said the homeowner is asking if it would be acceptable to put up signs saying "pedestrian and biking" is acceptable. Mayor Kraft said they will be checking into that. Mr. Von Schmidt asked if the town would consider taking out the institutional looking bollards and replace them with more park-like, decorative break-away bollards. The break-away bollards would resolve any fears that residents had about fire trucks being able to access that area and it would make the area more inviting.

Chairman Anepete expressed his feelings about the bollards that he is not in favor of them. Making a walking/biking path only benefits neighbors nearby and he feels the bay should benefit

everyone in town, not those in walking/biking proximity to the area only. He feels we are restricting an asset.

The board discussed the walking path area further and possibly being able to park by the gazebo, the restaurant patrons using the cul-de-sac and signage. Safety issues were discussed if Sheridan would resume as a through street. Ultimately it is the Township Committee's decision.

Deputy Mayor Reilly spoke that this will be his last Planning Board meeting. He and his wife are moving out of town. Deputy Mayor Reilly thanked the Planning Board members for past support, advice and counsel over the years as he served as a Planning Board member and Chairman. He is very pleased to have been a part of the Planning Board.

Motion to close public comment was made Mr. Avellino and seconded by Mr. Reilly. All in favor: (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Mr. Von Schmidt thanked the Mayor for bringing up his comments in a public meeting. The open discussion was healthy and appreciated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Avellino and seconded by Mr. Eckert. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor,
Planning Board Secretary