

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Planning Board Meeting
MINUTES
October 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Rochat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Far Hills Municipal Building. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chairman Robert Lewis, Kevin Welsh, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Chairman Tom Rochat, Debra Ross, and Marilyn Layton

Also Present: Susan Rubright, Board Attorney, David Banisch, Board Planner, and Trina Lindsey, Board Secretary

Absent: Mayor Paul Vallone, Cheryl Devine, Gerrie McManus and John Lawlor

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Kevin Welsh noted that he recused from the Marky public hearing, and asked that to be noted in the minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Vice Chair Robert Lewis and a majority voice vote, the minutes were approved.

BILL LIST

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Board Secretary Lindsey briefly reviewed the bill list and escrow accounts with the board. Debra Ross discussed possibly having a policy in place that prior to selling a home in the Borough a report is run that would note any open permits that would need to be satisfied prior to the sale of the home. Ms. Ross noted that the Borough of Bernardsville and Bernards Township have such policy, and charge \$35.00 to check for open permits. The board discussed having the Council review this.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Kevin Welsh and a majority roll call vote, the bill list was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Far Hills Mall, Resolution# 2018-08

Board Attorney Susan Rubright stated that she spoke with the Zoning Officer, Kim Coward, regarding the applicant appearing in court. Ms. Rubright stated that she was advised by the Zoning Officer that the court appearance was adjourned with the November 1st due date in mind for the dumpster enclosure to be constructed and completed by that date.

Board Planner David Banisch stated that he will be requesting five deer resistant shrubs for the dumpster enclosure. Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie asked what will happen if the shrubs do not

survive. Mr. Banisch replied that would be considered a violation. Ms. Rubright adding the word “maintained” to the resolution in regards to the shrub screening of the dumpster enclosure.

On a motion by Vice Chair Robert Lewis, seconded by Marilyn Layton and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

Peter Marky, Resolution# 2018-09

On a motion by Marilyn Layton, seconded by Vice Chairman Robert Lewis and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

Daniel Neu, Resolution# 2018-10

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Kevin Welsh and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Draft Solar Ordinance discussion – David Banisch

David Banisch discussed the board’s previous concerns regarding the draft solar ordinance and reviewed how those concerns were addressed in the proposed ordinance.

The board discussed the proposed ordinance, noting some suggested changes and discussed recommending the proposed ordinance to the Borough Council for their review and consideration.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Kevin Welsh and a majority roll call vote, the draft ordinance will be recommended to the Borough Council with the suggested changes addressed by the Planning Board members that night.

Debra Ross suggested that the Planning Board begin looking into a deer fencing ordinance.

ZONING UPDATE

The Zoning report provided by Zoning Officer, Kim Coward, was reviewed. Chairman Rochat stated that he spoke with Kim regarding the signs for the Far Hills Race Meeting being too close to the road.

There were no further comments from any other board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

ON a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Marilyn Layton and a majority voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Trina Lindsey
Planning Board Secretary

APPROVED: 11/5/18