

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD

Workshop meeting of June 19, 2019

The meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order by Ms. Murray on June 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Ms. Murray announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader or the Star Ledger had been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Ms. Murray
Dr. Chapman
Ms. Feder
Mayor Giblin

Members Absent:

Ms. Anderson
Mr. Cossa
Deputy Mayor Dooley
Ms. Pedde
Mr. Taylor

Alternates Present:

Ms. Didzbalis

Alternates Absent:

Mr. Aschenbach

Also present:

Jason Bottcher, Zoning Officer; Kathy Lenahan, Board Administrator

2. RESOLUTIONS OF MEMORIALIZATION

Application # PB 19001

The Moen Organization Inc.

125 Moen Avenue

Block 639 Lot 1, C-1 Zone

Applicant in this matter is seeking a minor subdivision in the R-5 Zone. No variances are being requested.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the resolution approving Application PB-19-001 was made by roll call vote. The following voting in favor of the resolution:
Ms. Murray, Ms. Feder, Dr. Chapman, and Ms. Didzbalis.

Motion to approve Resolution No. PBA 19-012 for Maser Consultants as outside planner for 2019 was made by Ms. Feder, seconded by Ms. Didzbalis and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve Resolution No. PBA 19-013 for Maser Consultants to prepare a reexamination report was made by Ms. Feder, seconded by Ms. Didzbalis and passed on unanimous voice vote.

3. MINUTES

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Workshop and Official Meeting of May 1, 2019 and the Special Meeting of May 8, 2019 was made by Dr. Chapman, seconded by Ms. Feder by roll call vote. The following voting in favor: Ms. Murray, Ms. Feder and Dr. Chapman. Mayor Giblin abstained.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

March/April Edition of The New Jersey Planner was distributed to Board members.

5. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Murray updated the Board members on the reexamination of the Master Plan. Stated there have been two meetings of the Subcommittee and a public meeting was held on May 28th. There was a good turnout at the public meeting and the residents were engaged. There is a survey on the township website and encourages everyone to take the survey. The results will be incorporated into the draft of the reexamine report. There should be a draft of the report in late August/early September and a public hearing on the report in September. Action must be taken before September 30, 2019.

There was discussion on how the public would be informed about the survey and a suggestion was made to get mailing lists from the DMC and the Board of Ed. Mayor Giblin also suggested possibly getting lists from the Recreation Department and the Library. Stated he will speak with Administration. Ms. Murray will speak with Nick Dickerson on the deadline for the survey.

Jason Bottcher, Zoning Officer discussed the proposed reconsideration of the R-6 Zone in the northeastern quadrant of the Township. The area in question is along Bloomingdale Avenue. Described the zone as a single family residential neighborhood that is zoned for townhouses. Provided a draft report titled "Reconsidering the Bloomingdale Avenue R-6 District". Briefly reviewed the report. His recommendation is to split the zone into R-6 & R-3. Asked Board members to review both the report and his recommendations.

Mr. Bottcher also stated he is working on a signage ordinance.

Mayor Giblin stated there may be possible openings on the Planning Board and suggested that they hold an open house for residents who might be interested in learning more about the Planning Board and its responsibilities. Discussed holding the open house on July 17th at 6:30 p.m. before the Planning Board workshop.

6. PUBLIC PORTION
None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made, seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 8:17 p.m.

Donna Pedde, Secretary