

Mount Laurel Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

Chairman Bathke called the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2023 to order at 7:00 pm.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Chairman Bathke noting that all the postings, filings & emailing has taken place on January 19, 2023.

Chairman Bathke led pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

Roll Call taken by Board Secretary Ms. Hochreiter – Members in attendance: Chairman Bathke, Vice-Chairwoman Lewis, Township Manager Riculfy, Mr. Venkatakrishnan, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Dewey, & Ms. Kharoudh. Absent: Mayor Steglik, Councilman Moustakas & Mr. Coffey

Professionals in Attendance

Mr. Ashton Jones – PB Planner; Mr. Ron Cucchiaro – PB Solicitor; Ms. Toni Sapio, T & M Associates & Trish Hochreiter – PB Secretary.

Oaths of Office:

Mr. Cucchiaro swore in new planning board member Navleen Kharoudh as Alternate #2 to the Planning Board.

Adoption of Minutes:

Chairman Bathke called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting of March 9, 2023. Mr. Pfeiffer made the motion and Mr. Lieberman seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Planning Board Solicitor Mr. Cucchiaro swore in the Planning Board Professionals

Discussion: Mr. Cucchiaro explained this is a detail of the environmental resources of the town and is not adopted as a specific element but rather an appendix to the Master Plan. This is not a policy documents or changing of the zoning. Ms. Toni Sapio who holds the position of Principal Environmental Scientist at the firm T & M Associates and was contracted about 2 years ago by the Town to work with the Environmental Commission a newly formed committee to create a factual document with not focusing on specific areas but the overall town. The report contains figures and tables; this information is from other resources and not newly created data.

Mr. Venkatakrishnan had several comments regarding the reports, and after discussion, it was suggest by Township Manager Riculfy that this discussion be tabled until Mr. Venkatakrishnan has a chance as a member of the Environmental Commission to review and get his comments to Ms. Sapio. It was also suggested that a special meeting be held in person for the members of the Environmental Commission to discuss any changes with the professionals.

Once this has been reviewed and ready to be presented to the Board and the Public it will be placed on the agenda for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Bathke called for a motion, Township Manager Riculfy made the motion to table this discussion matter for a later date to be announced, and Mr. Dewey seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolutions:

Chairman Bathke asked for a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-09 for a minor site plan approval for Trickett/Genther, located at 8 Musket Lane. Township Manager Riculfy made the motion to approve and Mr. Dewey seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Bathke asked for a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-10 for a conditional use & Minor Site Plan Approval for NJ Green Care, located at 1170 Route 73. Mr. Lieberman made the motion to approve and Mr. Pfeiffer seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Bathke asked for a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-11 for an Amendment to Resolution R-2021-16 located at Laurel Point Phase 2. Mr. Lieberman made the motion to approve and Vice-Chair Lewis seconded it. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Hearing:

No Public Hearings this evening.

Chairman Bathke asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Lieberman made the motion, Township Manager Riculfy seconded, and the motion to adjourn was carried. The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Hochreiter

Planning Board Administrator

Adopted On: May 4, 2023