

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 22, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 by Chairman O'Brien in the Senior Center Building at the Municipal Complex.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Gene O'Brien, Chair
Hemant Marathe, Mayor
Anis Baig
Linda Geevers
Curtis Hoberman
Michael Huey
Jyotika Bahree, Alt. #2

ABSENT:
Michael Karp, Vice-Chair
Sue Appelget
Simon Pankove
Allen Schectel, Alt. 1

TOWNSHIP CONSULTANT STAFF

David Novak, PP, Planner
Sam Surtees, Land Use Manager and Zoning Officer

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the township bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk on July 15, 2020.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

There was no public comment on non-Agenda items.

LIAISON REPORTS

Environmental Commission: Mr. Baig reported that in the last EC meeting re-usable bags and material was discussed. Tote canvas bags were proposed and their cost could be \$1.00 more or less. Heavy plastic (polypropylene) bags were also proposed. Methods of cleaning various types of re-usable bags were also discussed. A draft memo on how to clean the various re-usable bags, to be prepared by Dan Dobromilsky, will be submitted to the Township Health Department for approval. I am not sure whether it has been submitted or not. Another issue was raised that in this Covid-19 environment where merchants, like Trader Joe's, are not allowing customers to bring their own bags, it may not be advisable to promote the re-usable bags. Rather we should encourage the community to put their groceries back into their shopping carts (like Costco).

ORDINANCE REVIEW ON REFERRAL FROM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL: Ordinance 2020-18 amending the use standard in the ROM-1 District.

Chairman O'Brien explained the purpose of the ordinance. There was discussion among the Planning Board.

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The hearing was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Ms. Geevers made a motion to close the meeting for public comment; seconded by Mr. Huey. Passed by voice vote.

Mr. Hoberman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-18 as submitted to the Planning Board noting that it is consistent with the Master Plan and recommends adoption by the Township Council; seconded by Mr. Huey.

Roll Call:

Aye – Bahree, Huey, Hoberman, Geevers, Baig, Marathe, O’Brien

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schectel, Pankove, Appelget, Karp

Not Voting: None

ORDINANCE REVIEW ON REFERRAL FROM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL: Ordinance 2020-20 amending the ROM-1/ROM-2 Zoning District Boundary.

Chairman O’Brien explained the purpose of the ordinance. There was discussion among the Planning Board.

The hearing was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Ms. Geevers made a motion to close the meeting for public comment; seconded by Ms. Bahree. Passed by voice vote.

Mr. Huey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-20 as submitted to the Planning Board noting that it is consistent with the Master Plan and recommends adoption by the Township Council; seconded by Mr. Baig.

Roll Call:

Aye – Bahree, Huey, Hoberman, Geevers, Baig, Marathe, O’Brien

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schectel, Pankove, Appelget, Karp

Not Voting: None

ORDINANCE REVIEW ON REFERRAL FROM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL: Ordinance 2020-19 amending the use and bulk standards of the ROM-2 District.

Chairman O’Brien explained the purpose of the ordinance. There was discussion among the Planning Board.

The hearing was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Ms. Hoberman made a motion to close the meeting for public comment; seconded by Ms. Geevers. Passed by voice vote.

Ms. Bahree made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-19 as submitted to the Planning Board noting that it is consistent with the Master Plan and recommends adoption by the Township Council; seconded by Mr. Baig.

Roll Call:

Aye – Bahree, Huey, Hoberman, Geevers, Baig, Marathe, O’Brien

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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Absent: Schectel, Pankove, Appelget, Karp
Not Voting: None

Mr. Surtees said he would create a memorandum from the Planning Board to the Township Clerk to be read into the record at the next Council meeting advising the approval of these three Ordinances and that they are consistent with the Township's Master Plan.

Mr. Surtees advised the Planning Board members that staff is working on 4 more ordinances that will be referred back to the Board. He gave a description of some of the upcoming development projects.

The next meeting of the West Windsor Township Planning Board will be held on August 5, 2020 in person at the Senior Center.

With no further business, Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Dziura
Recording Secretary