

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
Monday, September 16, 2019

Present: Maria Connolly  
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Philip Duran  
James Kownacki, Councilman  
Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager  
Terrance Leggett, Vice Chairperson  
John Ryan  
Edward Wiznitzer, Chairperson

Absent: None

Excused Absence: Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor  
Kim Y. Taylor  
Brian Slauch, Planning Consultant  
Edwin Kochenour, Traffic Consultant

Also Present: Andrea Malcolm, Acting Planning Consultant  
James F. Parvesse, Municipal Engineer  
Edwin Schmierer, Planning Board Attorney  
Susan Snook, Recording Secretary

**Statement of Adequate Notice:**

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Planning Board has been provided by filing the annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk as required by law; by filing the agenda and notice with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building and mailing to the Trenton Times and the Trentonian newspapers.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Nerwinski informed the Board members that Mark Harmon, a Lawrence Township Police Officer has passed away and the Board members had a moment of silence.

**Minutes for Approval:**

August 5, 2019 minutes were approved per unanimous vote.

**Resolutions:**

None

**Applications:**

None

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Old Business / New Business / Correspondence:**

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Element of the Master Plan, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Approval of the Recreation and Open Space Inventory:**  
Ms. Malcolm stated this is a subset of ROSI (Recreation Open Space Inventory) that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection requires for Green Acres funding and we do that together when we prepare the plan; then New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as part of its review, goes into great detail looking at the ROSI, which we have been going back and forth since last summer

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to get the details and ROSI straightened out. Attached is the copy which summarizes for every block and lot consisting of ten lots. There were some small additions and changes such as acreage changes, lots being removed and added and a few minor changes were made to the map. This document will have to be submitted with signatures to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Parvesse stated this would be able for us to get money from Green Acres in the future for any open space parcels that we purchase. The next step would be the required signatures so it can be submitted to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Nerwinski asked why we can't identify our parks in different colors (the greens are very similar).

There was no required vote.

Chairperson Wiznitzer spoke about the League of Municipalities being held in November and if anyone is interested should check with the Manager's Office.

**Referral from Council – Ordinance Amending the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence to Change Block 4103, Lots 8, 9 and 10 to Neighborhood Center (NC-2) Designation**

Mr. Parvesse stated this is a situation where we have a few underutilized properties that are undevelopable and the Township owns one of the parcels. The intent is to rezone it to NC-2 to make it more appropriate and consistent with the adjacent properties, which will allow it to be developed. It consists of three parcels and it is consistent with the adjacent parcels so this is why it is not spot zoning. One of the lots was dedicated to us as a fire substation, which it was never utilized that way and since it is not being utilized in anyway, why not put it out and sell it.

The Ordinance was unanimously approved.

**Planning Board 2020 – 2021 Meeting Schedule**

The Meeting schedule was unanimously approved

**Closed Session Resolution**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Snook  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Oct. 21, 2019*