

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2020

Present: Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager
James Kownacki, Mayor
Christopher Bobbitt, Councilman
Terrence Leggett, Chairperson
Maria Connolly, Vice Chairperson
Jonathan Dauber
Ian Dember
Philip Duran
Kim Taylor
Edward Wiznitzer

Absent: None

Excused Absence: James Kockenour, Traffic Consultant

Also Present: Brian Slaugh, Planning Board Consultant
Edwin Schmierer, Board Attorney
James F. Parvesse, Municipal Engineer
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. The meeting was held through the internet at uberconference.com/lawrencetwp.engineer.

Public:

None

Minutes for Approval:

October 19, 2020, October 26, 2020 and November 2, 2020 minutes were approved per unanimous vote

Resolutions:

Resolution of Memorialization 19-20; Major Site Plan – Preliminary and Final Approval with Variance Application No. SP-4/20; **Public Service Electric & Gas Company**; 2525 Brunswick Avenue and 20 Texas Avenue; Tax Map Page 20.01, Block 2005, Lots 9 and 10 was approved per unanimous vote

Resolution of Memorialization 20-20; Major Subdivision – Preliminary and Final Approval with Variance Application No. S-1/18; **The Trail at Princeton Pike (JAS Homes, Inc.)**; 2100 – 2200 Lenox Drive; Tax Map Pages 51.01 and 51.03, Block 5101, Lot 18 was approved per unanimous vote

Resolution of Memorialization 20-21; Amended Major - Preliminary & Final Site Plan with Variance Application No. SP-9/20; **Amazon.com Services, LLC**; 10 Princess Road; Tax Map Page 39.02, Block 3901, Lot 4.01 was approved per unanimous vote

Applications:

None

Public Hearings:

Referral from Council – Ordinance Amending the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence to revise Section 522, Drainage and Stormwater Management

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Mr. Parvesse gave an overview stating that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection adopted revisions to the stormwater management rules and it is acquired to amend our ordinance to comply with the State standards. The modifications were focused on green infrastructure, best management practices and non-structural strategies, soil testing, low impact development techniques and maintenance requirements. The Watershed Institute provided a lot of information including recommendations that go beyond the NJDEP standards, such as recommendations related to other sections of the Township ordinance, such as tree protection in stream corridors (still under review). The ordinance will continue to evolve and open to other suggestions in future modifications.

Board members and professional staff had a conversation relating to cross lot drainage being prohibited. Councilman Bobbitt asked when the State is requiring this ordinance to be adopted by and could it be changed or edited in the future for changes; response was March 2nd; however, it has to be 60-days ahead of time to the County and there could be frequent changes.

Public:

Mike Pisauro, Policy Director of Watershed Institute commented that it helps move stormwater management further, consistent with the Township's sustainability elements regarding green infrastructure and water quality. This ordinance does keep it in place with the non-structural strategies of the low impact design requirements and this is extremely important because if they are pulled out you can clear a site, regrade and put in some green infrastructure.

Annette Loveless thinks that stronger ordinances for preventing the flooding and the pollution including debris and do everything we can for stronger storms with more volume.

The ordinance was approved per unanimous vote.

Old Business / New Business / Correspondence:

2021 Planning Board Meeting Schedule was approved per unanimous vote

Mr. Wiznitzer stated he will not be reapplying for re-appointment and thanked everyone on the Board for their friendship and courtesy.

Closed Session Resolution:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Snook
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: Feb. 1, 2021