

Regular meeting of the Haworth
Planning Board on September 18, 2013,
at the Municipal Center.

PRESENT: Thomas Ference, Chairman
John DeRienzo, Mayor
Andrew Rosenberg, Councilman
Andrew Anderson
Joan Landesman
Mark Lichtblau
Bruce Steinthal
Bernard Troy

Mark Madaio, Board Attorney
Michael Hakim, Planner

ABSENT: Edmond Ezra, Public Official
Alan Grossberg
Leona Kosmac

David Hals, Board Engineer

Dr. Ference called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above members were present.

Ms. Kosmac and Mr. Grossberg were not able to attend because of other commitments.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Lichtblau moved to accept the minutes as presented subject to the rights of absent members for statements directly attributed to them.

Seconded by Mrs. Landesman and unanimously carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Memorandum dated August 8, 2013, from Mrs. Fay relating to the Zoning Board's variance applications for 2012

Dr. Ference gave the documents to Mr. Madaio for review.

- New Jersey Planner monthly newsletter

They were distributed to the Board.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor DeRienzo reported on the following.

- The Downtown Project will start up again. The Borough has applied to the State for funds. The Mayor said he will report back at the next meeting.
- The deer fencing question, which had been raised, was investigated. Information on this matter was given to the Chairman.
- The appeal against St. Gabriel's Church went before the Appellate Court and Councilman Rosenberg would give the report.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Rosenberg reported on the appeal against St. Gabriel's Church. He said that the Borough Attorney stated that based on the tenor of the comments in Court, the Borough will prevail -- the decision was procedurally based.

There being nothing more for Mayor DeRienzo to tend to at this meeting, he excused himself.

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LAND USE ORDINANCE

Dr. Ference introduced to the Board a discussion that they would be having at the October meeting. He said that in June, they were in receipt of a memo regarding the Land Use Ordinance. In particular, it related to items in %Definitions+ which had not been considered by this Board. He explained that the Mayor and Council have raised issues, therefore, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Anderson, and Dr. Ference were asked to do background work for the document on a number of things.

Dr. Ference said they completed that work and it ended up having more issues than anticipated so it was being brought back to the Board. He said that Mr. Hakim sent out documents to everyone but they will not be asked to make any decisions this evening. Everything will be discussed at the October 16th meeting.

Dr. Ference asked Mr. Hakim to give an overall summary.

Mr. Hakim went over the background. He said there were items the Board had not addressed. One item which they were able to reformulate related to fencing, which would prevent deer from going onto property.

Dr. Ference posed the question that since this would be an operating decision and not landscaping change, did they want to incorporate it into %Definitions.+

Mr. Hakim said it would be discussed in more detail at the October meeting. He said that the Board could also go over whatever they wished to discuss at that time.

Dr. Ference asked that everyone read the document carefully and send any questions to him for discussion in October.

Mr. Hakim said that his other email related to discussions on questions which were posed.

Dr. Ference elaborated. He said that the Board talked about everything at one time or another. He said that in the process of the Mayor and Council's review of the work that the Board did, they raised some issues so we are taking a look to see if anything changed. Dr. Ference stated that the Board wants to insure conformity between the Master Plan and the Borough's Ordinances.

