

Regular meeting of the Haworth Planning Board on June 19, 2013, at the Municipal Center.

PRESENT: Thomas Ference, Chairman
John DeRienzo, Mayor
Andrew Rosenberg, Councilman
Andrew Anderson
Alan Grossberg
Leona Kosmac
Joan Landesman
Mark Lichtblau

Mark Madaio, Board Attorney
Michael Hakim, Planner

ABSENT: Edmond Ezra, Public Official
Bruce Steinthal
Bernard Troy

David Hals, Board Engineer

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

Mr. Steinthal and Mr. Troy were not able to attend because of other commitments.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Grossberg 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 from Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hakim relating to the Limiting Schedule Front Yard Setback
- Copy of a Resolution from the Mayor and Council relating to the revised Land Use Ordinance which was a result of the Real Estate Committee's work.

Dr. Ference explained that there were a number of areas in the "Definitions" and related sections which the committee agreed, deserved a look. He said that as precise as they might be, the Board agreed and asked that they be reviewed. Mr. Ference said the matter was referred to Mr. Hakim and he was asked to create a report. Councilman Rosenberg will circulate the document via email.

Dr. Ference said he would defer this matter to the September meeting and unless something came up, the Board would not meet in July or August.

Councilman Rosenberg explained how this matter came about and what the process would be used.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor DeRienzo had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Rosenberg had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor DeRienzo excused himself from the meeting because of another commitment.

LIMITING SCHEDULE - FRONT YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Ference referred to the memo dated June 11, 2013. He stated that at the April meeting, he talked about looking into front-yard setbacks because there was a possible inconsistency or gapping and he took the position that it was a valid issue. Dr. Ference said he was asked to discuss this matter with Councilman Volpe since he raised some questions.

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Dr. Ference noted that this was the public meeting and had been posted as such. He explained that if the Board was to move ahead, they would adopt this as part of the Master Plan; however, it must first be referred to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Anderson said he looked at the Limiting Schedule and felt that this was an opportunity to look into the matter of houses placed deeper on a lot. He said that there were some inconsistencies. He explained.

Mr. Anderson said that in consulting with Mr. Hakim, they came up with the revised Limiting Schedule, which was attached. He reviewed the document and explained how they came up with the table.

There was discussion about different scenarios and various lots in the Borough.

Dr. Ference explained that the purpose of the Limiting Schedule was to create order.

Mr. Hakim talked about how he and Mr. Anderson came to their decisions.

Dr. Ference opened the meeting to the public.

There being no one to come forward, the meeting was closed to the public.

Dr. Ference entertained a motion to adopt the adjustments to the Limiting Schedule, which had been adopted on June 12, 2013 as part of the Master Plan, and refer it to the Mayor and Council for enactment in the Ordinance.

Mr. Lichtblau so moved.

Seconded by Mrs. Landesman and upon roll call, the vote went as follows: Yes - Mr. Lichtblau, Mrs. Landesman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grossberg, Ms. Kosmac, Councilman Rosenberg, and Dr. Ference; No - none. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Grossberg moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Landesman and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dolores Fazio O'Dowd