

Regular meeting of the Haworth
Planning Board on January 16, 2019, at
the Municipal Center.

PRESENT Bernard Troy, Chairman
Thomas Ference, Mayor
Andrew Rosenberg, Councilman
Andrew Anderson, Vice Chairman
Amy Albalah
Edmond Ezra, Public Official
Leona Kosmac, Secretary/Treasurer
Nancy Minikes
Dennis Posen
Tae Chang, Alternate
Mark Kronfeld, Alternate

John D'Anton, Board Attorney
Caroline Reiter

ABSENT:

Mr. Troy called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above members were present.

Due notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In essence, the following transpired.

Mr. Troy thanked the Board for electing him Chairman.

He then advised Messrs. Chang and Kronfeld that they would have to take the Land Use Training Course, and also the Storm Water Resolution Course, which was on line.

Mrs. Reiter stated that she would provide everyone with information on Storm Water Resolution.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

November 2018

The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Ezra moved to approve the minutes as presented, subject to the rights of absent members to correct statements directly attributed to them.

Mrs. Minikes seconded the motion and upon voice vote, was unanimously carried.

December 2018

The minutes of the December 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Mrs. Minikes moved to approve the minutes as presented, subject to the rights of absent members to correct statements directly attributed to them.

CORRESPONDENCE

- *The New Jersey Planner*

Mr. Troy distributed copies to the Board

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ference welcomed the new members to the Board. He noted that the Oath of Office forms needed to be signed and he would administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Chang later on in the meeting.

Mayor Ference stated that, in terms of a report, he had some comments to make in Closed Session this evening.

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WHITMAN STREET APPLICATION

It was noted that the Whitman Street Application would not be heard this evening.

Mr. Minikes stated that they were supposed to receive a letter delineating everything and Mrs. Reiter said she would do a memo on that application.

Mr. Posen stated that Mr. Vince, the Board Engineer, was reviewing the revised drawings. He said he was told that there were no changes, which had any engineering significance and Mr. Vince did not think that a report was needed. Mr. Posen said he would forward it to everyone.

Mr. Troy entertained a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a matter in litigation.

Mr. Ezra moved to go into Closed Session.

Seconded by Mr. Posen and unanimously carried.

Mr. Troy closed the meeting to the public to go into Closed Session.

At the end of the Board's discussion, Mr. Troy entertained a motion to go out of Closed Session.

Mr. Ezra moved to end Closed Session and open the meeting to the public.

Seconded by Councilman Rosenberg and unanimously carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Ference administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Chang.

MASTER PLAN

Mrs. Reiter introduced herself to the new members of the Board and went over what she had done. She explained her reports and Master Plan documents, which had been adopted in October 2009, and also talked about what this Board has already started doing as they went through each item.

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Mrs. Reiter then explained the Re-examination process and how the Board would proceed.

Mr. DeAnton commented that realistically, he did not think they would have enough time.

There was discussion on the process and it was noted that the target date was October, depending on the Housing Element.

There was discussion on how the Board would move ahead and Mr. DeAnton gave some suggestions on what he could do if time got too close.

There also was discussion on how and when the residents would be brought up-to-date on what was going on with the Master Plan and other issues.

Ms. Kosmac talked about the discovery of lead in Borough pipes in the SUEZ reports. She stated that she would like to have this mentioned and brought into the Plan.

Mr. Posen said he would provide the name of the person who would be doing the testing.

There was discussion and it was decided that this matter be referred to the Haworth Board of Health.

There was discussion about the use of more solar panels in the Borough and reference was made to an article about Sustainable New Jersey. A suggestion was made to explore options to revise the Ordinance in order to facilitate their installation.

Mrs. Reiter stated that she had a document marked as a ~~Draft~~ on Sustainable Elements dated 5/27/13.

Recreation and open-space conservation areas were reviewed and discussed and there was a question as to whether the Planning Board had the authority to mark some thing as mandatory.

There was discussion on Open-Space Inventory as well as passive and active recreation areas (ROSI). Mrs. Reiter made a recommendation to identify which of the properties were vacant, park land, and for areas for passive recreation. She pointed out that these areas needed to be identified if they were ever applying for a grant.

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Mrs. Reiter said she had gone over the comments which the Board had submitted to her. She distributed a document showing the Borough's vacant land which had been identified and it was considered in the Vacant Land Analysis.

She went over the areas needed to be discussed and identified. Mrs. Reiter said she would put a list together

Mayor Ference commented that there were many properties which Mr. Anderson did not identify when he did his surveys and which had water streams.

Mrs. Reiter then talked about what they had done with Mr. Hakim's (former Board Planner) documents. She told the Board that they could make recommendations of what they wanted in and out. Mrs. Reiter pointed out that this was a ten-year process and the land should be shown for what it was being utilized.

There was discussion about the tennis courts on Park Street being a priority. They said that the courts needed to be fixed and they also need to maintain all recreational facilities.

It was noted that there are walking trails in the Borough but they were not marked. There was talk about Tenafly's mountain biking club, using this trail as well as kids from Oradell and other surrounding towns. No one was sure who set it up the trail.

Mrs. Reiter asked for a map so she could locate the area.

Sidewalks, walking and cycling lanes were brought up. Suggestions were made in particular for areas along Sunset Avenue, Park Street, Haworth Avenue and along the golf course.

A question came up about how to incorporate all of the recommendations.

Mrs. Reiter explained how she marked up the 2009 Re-examination document, e.g., yellow = comments from Board members and blue = comments from her office.

Mr. DeAnton stated that they were incorporating the existing Master Plan in their new document. He asked Mrs. Reiter if it would be easier for her to apply her expertise and then bring it back to the Board.

Mrs. Reiter said that originally the Board did not want her to come in with a Draft Plan and that was why she used this particular process.

There was discussion.

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Mrs. Reiter referred to Memorial Field as a sports and recreation field and suggested that it be re-positioned and modified. She said that sometimes there was even a necessity for a new field.

Mr. D'Anton told the Board that they were given two choices in how to proceed; the one they had originally requested and the one with Mrs. Reiter making recommendations, a draft, and a presentation. He reminded everyone that there were time constraints so perhaps they could consider moving along by looking at her drafts and having a general direction of what should be done.

Mayor Ference suggested that the Planner come back with her recommendations and make a presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Mr. Troy noted that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for February 20th. He asked that if anyone would like to submit and distribute information, it should be done long before the meeting.
- Mayor Ference stated that he would like to have a strategic plan.
- Mrs. Reiter reminded everyone that at the last meeting, a traffic account and pattern data was brought up.
- Mr. Anderson stated that somewhere in the Plan, there was a Critical Environment Map.
- Mr. Troy thanked Mr. Posen for his fine services as Chairman of the Planning Board. He then, again, welcomed the new members.

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

Seconded by Councilman Rosenberg and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dolores Fazio O'Dowd