

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman O'Brien. The Board saluted the flag. Roll call was as follows:

Present – Mr. Agnesino, Mr. Caligiuri, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Masterson, Mr. Scardino, Ms. Hui, Mr. Cotton, Mr. O'Brien. Absent – Mr. Crane, (excused), Mr. Teefy, (excused), Mr. Kernan, (excused), Mr. Jordan, (excused). Also present – Mr. Rocco, Solicitor.

Proper notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act on January 15, 2015.

Chairman O'Brien read the following statement: "Be advised, no new item of business will be started after 10:30 p.m. and the meeting shall terminate no later than 11:00 p.m."

Memorialization of Resolutions:

1. PB-23-15 – App. #1841 – Ravinder Singh – Minor Subdivision Denied

Motion by Mr. Scardino, seconded by Mr. Kozak to adopt resolution PB-23-15. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Cooper, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Masterson, Mr. Scardino, Mr. Cotton. Nays – Zero. Abstentions – Zero.

2. PB-24-15 – App. #WSP-04-15 – Ronald Austin – Site Plan Waiver Approved

Mr. Masterson asked if by voting on the resolution the Board was just agreeing the document is accurate. He stated the applicant is not breaking down and removing his equipment every night and that the person who was selling crabs on the site is still there. Mr. O'Brien asked if someone on the Board has witnessed that violation and if they filed a complaint with the Township. Mr. Masterson stated he did not know if a complaint was filed. Mrs. Farrell commented that the breakdown and removal of the barbeque equipment is a County requirement. Mr. Rocco replied that the Board made that a condition of approval and the applicant agreed to that condition. He stated the Board is just memorializing what they approved and if the conditions of approval are not being complied with then the town has to enforce that; the Board cannot enforce the conditions. Mr. Kozak asked if the resolution could be tabled. Mr. Rocco replied that by memorializing the resolution the applicant is then compelled to comply with the conditions. Mrs. Farrell commented that the Board must act on the resolution within forty-five days if not the resolutions is automatically memorialized; the Board's next meeting isn't until September 10th. Mr. O'Brien commented that if someone from the Board is seeing a violation of the conditions then they should file a complaint with the Zoning Officer.

Motion by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Agnesino to adopt resolution PB-24-15. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Agnesino, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Masterson, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Cotton, Mr. O'Brien. Nays – Zero. Abstentions – Zero.

Discussion:

1. Ronald Austin – Request to Relocate Mobile BBQ

Present – Ronald Austin.

Mrs. Farrell stated that she asked Mr. Austin to attend this evening's meeting to make his presentation to the Board concerning his mobile BBQ operation.

Discussion: (continued)

Mr. Austin was sworn in by Mr. Rocco. He stated that he is the gentlemen that is operating his mobile BBQ at the church property on Malaga Road. He addressed the comments made previously by Mr. Masterson concerning the removal of his equipment from the site. He testified that every night they leave the church property they remove their equipment from the site. With regard to his request this evening he stated that business has been very slow since Malaga Road is closed due to the work on the bridge. He asked the Board if it would be okay for him to operate his BBQ business on the corner of Main Street and Tuckahoe Road temporarily until Malaga Road reopens. Mr. Rocco informed Mr. Austin that he would have to come back with another application before the Board as the Board cannot just take his previous approval to operate at the church property and allow him to move somewhere else without an application.

Approval of Minutes:

1. 7/9/15 regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Agnesino to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2015 regular meeting. Voice vote; all ayes, motion passed. Mr. Caligiuri abstained.

Reports:

1. Mrs. Farrell informed the Board that a resident from Carriage Glen went before Council with a request to have the light pole located directly in front of his home relocated. Council informed the resident that authorization to relocate the pole must come from the Planning Board. The resident claims his neighbors do not have any issue with his request to relocate the light pole several feet in either direction from where it currently located. The Township Clerk received a letter from Atlantic City Electric stating that the light pole can be relocated but they need authorization from the Township. There is also the issue of who will pay for the relocation as Council informed the resident the Township will not pay to have the light pole relocated. There was some discussion by the Board on the matter and Mr. Caligiuri suggested the issue be brought to the attention of the Township Engineer at a Mayor's meeting. Mr. Kozak stated it wouldn't be the Township Engineer who should review the matter but the Planning Board Engineer. Mr. O'Brien stated that certified, notarized letters would have to be submitted from the adjacent property owners indicating they do not have an issue with the light pole being relocated. Mrs. Farrell stated she will bring the matter to the next Mayor's meeting for review by the Planning Board Engineer.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

These minutes are an extract from the meeting that was held on the above date and are not a verbatim account or to be construed as an official transcript of the proceedings. The tape of the meeting is stored in the office of the Board.

Ninette Orbaczewski
Clerk Transcriber