

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Planning Board was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman O'Brien who 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."

The Board saluted the flag.

Roll call:

Present – Mr. Boorstein, Mr. Caspar, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Laughlin, Mr. O'Brien. Absent – Mayor DiLucia, (excused), Mr. Garbowski, (excused), Mr. Helsel, (excused), Mr. O'Reilly, (excused), Mr. Schwaiger, (excused), Mr. Verratti, (excused), Mr. Wisner, (excused), Mr. Snowden, (excused). Also present – Ms. Gaglione, Solicitor, Mrs. Farrell, Secretary, Mrs. Orbaczewski, Clerk Transcriber.

Proper notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act in the Annual Notice of Meetings on January 8, 2021.

Memorialization of Resolutions:

1. PB-21-2021 – Ordinance O-08-2021 Amendments – Approved

Motion by Mr. Kozak, seconded by Mr. Caspar to adopt resolution PB-21-21. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Boorstein, Mr. Caspar, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Laughlin. Nays – Zero. Abstentions – Zero.

2. PB-22-2021 – Ordinance O-09-2021 Amendments – Approved

Motion by Mr. Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Boorstein to adopt resolution PB-22-21. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Boorstein, Mr. Caspar, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Laughlin. Nays – Zero. Abstentions – Zero.

Site Plan Waiver:

1. #WSP-06-21 – Brandon Keller & Nick Cottone

Mr. O'Brien announced that the applicant is not present on the Zoom meeting. Mrs. Farrell stated she did send him the Zoom information this afternoon and she has not heard from them. This application will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Public Portion:

Motion passed to open the meeting to the public. There being none, motion passed to close the meeting to the public.

Reports:

1. Ms. Gaglione stated that she has been in contact with the Township Solicitor concerning a reexamination of the Master Plan specifically to address cannabis. They will be meeting with the Ordinance Committee on June 2, 2021 and then they will be presenting the proposed reexamination of the Master Plan to the Planning Board for their review. There is an issue with regard to providing proper notice 10 days prior since the next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for June 10th. Ms. Gaglione asked if the Board was in agreement to rescheduling the June meeting to June 17th. The reason for the time crunch is that the State is requiring an ordinance to be adopted by August 21, 2021. This will give the Township time to have the first and second readings.

Ms. Gaglione informed the Board that the Township is proposing to allow all six classifications for cannabis in the Township in various zones. She listed the six classifications as agricultural, warehousing, packaging, distribution, retail, and delivery. Municipalities only have control over five of those classifications as the State law states every municipality must permit deliveries.

Mrs. Farrell stated that starting with the June 17th meeting, the Board will be going back to meeting in person meetings. She asked the Board if they would like to keep the meeting time at 6:00 p.m. or go to 6:30 p.m. or back to the original time of 7:00 p.m. She also commented that she would be sending the Board members the overlay map which will show where the different types of cannabis classifications will be permitted in the town by Thursday, June 3rd so they can send her any questions or concerns prior to the meeting on June 17th. After some discussion, it was determined that the meetings will be starting at 6:30 p.m. for the rest of the year with the exception of the June 17th meeting which will start at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

1. 5/18/21 regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Caspar, seconded by Mr. Boorstein to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2021 regular meeting. Voice vote; all ayes, motion passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 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. Respectfully submitted by: Ninette Orbaczewski, Clerk Transcriber.