

June 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the Allendale Planning Board was held in the Municipal Building on June 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:13PM by Mr. Quinn, Chairman, who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following members answered to roll call: Mr. Quinn, Mr. Scherb, Mr. Sasso, Mr. Sirico, and Mr. O'Connell. Ms. Checki, Ms. White, Mr. Zambrotta, and Mr. Bonifacic were absent. Mr. Daloisio arrived at 8:20PM.

On a motion from Mr. Sirico, seconded by Mr. Sasso, the minutes from May 21, 2015 were approved. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Scherb abstained from voting as they were not present at that meeting.

The first order of business was discussion on filling the Board Secretary position as Carol Sheehan resigned due to moving out of Allendale. On a motion from Mr. Scherb, seconded by Mr. Sirico, Mr. O'Connell was elected as Board Secretary.

The next item on the agenda was for the Northern Highlands Regional High School Resolutions for an emergency generator in the science wing and replacement of the coaches' viewing box on the grandstand. Mr. Quinn said the Board had a couple of minor recommendations but were in favor of the proposal. Mr. Dunn reminded the Board that it does not have the authority on the application but can make recommendations to the State Board of Education. On a motion from Mr. Sirico, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the Resolution of Memorialization for an emergency generator in the science wing at Northern Highlands High School was approved. On a motion from Mr. Daloisio, seconded by Mr. Scherb, the Resolution of Memorialization for the coaches' viewing box on the grandstand at Northern Highlands High School was approved. Copies of both Resolutions are on file at the Borough Hall.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion of the Planning Board's response to the application submitted by Michael Walters to the Board of Adjustment for interpretation of res judicata of January 1996 which denied site plan for lighting at Northern Highlands. This will be closed to the public due to possible litigation. Mr. Dunn said that minutes of the meeting will be taken and the Board will determine a date which should not be more than one year where the minutes will be released to the public.

On a motion from Mr. Sirico, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the meeting was closed to the public.

After the executive session was finished and the Board brought the meeting back to the public session, Mr. Quinn asked the Board members if they had anything else to discuss that evening. There has been no meeting with the COAH planner yet and therefore no update was given to the Board. The Board will not know what is decided until after the plans are submitted to the State

in July. Mr. Sasso told the Board that Franklin Turnpike has been reopened and that West Crescent will be closed soon to fix that bridge. The signs are already up about detours. The County has been asked to fix the light at West Orchard Street and Franklin Turnpike to give the people turning on West Orchard a lead green. The technology is not there so it means updating the technology before fixing the light and the road will have to be widened so that cars can get around people who are turning. Mayor White has gotten the County to agree to fix the light before construction on West Crescent begins as people are concerned that there will be serious traffic problems if the light is not fixed in time. Mr. Scherb stated that things are moving forward even though the County has to go through the normal channels. Mr. O'Connell asked if fixing the light will delay the bridge and Mr. Sasso responded yes but they didn't know how long. Mr. Sasso said that Mr. Strauch reported to the Land Use Committee that applications are up about 30% in the Construction Code Office due to a better economy and that failures of finals in electric, plumbing, and building are also up. Whether this is because they have new subcontractors working on the various areas or because the builders are rushing Mr. Sasso didn't know. But he felt buildings will be safer for it.

On a motion from Mr. Sirico, seconded by Mr. Daloisio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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