

**Mount Laurel Planning Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2021-via Zoom**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Planning Board was called to order by Chairwoman Conte at 7:00 pm on December 9, 2021.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Chairwoman Conte, noting that all postings, filings & emailing took place on January 20, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence was led by Chairwoman Conte.

**Roll Call:**

Roll Call taken by Board Secretary Ms. Hochreiter - Members in attendance, Chairwoman Conte, Vice-Chair Cassidy, Mayor Steglik, Township Manager Tomczyk, Councilwoman Janjua, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Naik, Mr. Bathke, Mr. Venkatakrisnan (Alternate #2). Absent: Mr. Pizzo & Mr. Troilo.

**Professionals in Attendance:**

Mr. John Miller-Board Solicitor, Trish Hochreiter-Board Secretary. There were no public hearings this evening so the professionals were not required to attend.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Chairwoman Conte called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021, and Mayor Steglik made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 10,2021 and Mr. Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Mayor Steglik-agree; Mr. Pfeiffer-agree; Alt #2 Mr. Venkatakrisnan-agree; Mr. Bathke-agree; Mr. Naik-abstained, Township Manager Tomczyk-agree; Councilwoman Janjua-agree, Vice-Chairman Cassidy-abstained & Chairwoman Conte-agree and the motion was carried.

**Resolution:**

**Mount Laurel Township**, Amendment to the Open Space Plan. Chairwoman Conte called for a motion and Mayor Steglik made a motion to approve resolution R-2021-18 and Councilwoman Janjua seconded. Mayor Steglik-agree; Councilwoman Janjua-agree; Alt #2 Mr. Venkatakrisnan-agree; Mr. Bathke-agree; Mr. Naik-abstained; Mr. Pfeiffer-agree; Township Manager Tomczyk-agree; Vice-Chair Cassidy-abstained & Chairwoman Conte- agree and the motion was carried.

The next resolution on the agenda was R-2021-19, PB2104, Union Mill Road, LLC, it was announced at the meeting that this resolution would be memorialized at a special meeting that will be held on December 21, 2021 via zoom at 6:00 pm to allow more time for the Planning Board Solicitor to complete.

**Temporary Use Permit:**

**Pinnacle Commercial Development, Inc.** PB21-73-05 located at the Apple Montessori School whose address is 1401 South Church Street, Block 1002, Lot 1.04. They are requesting the placement of (1) 36 x 10 Office Trailer for use as a temporary hiring office while the tenant interior renovations are completed. They expect to only have for a few months but have requested 6 months in case of any delays. This will expire on June 9, 2022. Chairwoman Conte called for a motion and Township Manager Tomczyk made the motion to approve the temporary office trailer and Mayor Steglik seconded. Township Manager Tomczyk-agree; mayor Steglik-agree; Alt # 2 Mr. Venkatakrisnan-agree; Mr. Bathke-agree; Mr. Naik-agree; Mr.

Pfeiffer-agree; Councilwoman Janjua-agree; Vice-Chair Cassidy-agree; & Chairwoman Conte-agree and the motion was carried.

**Public Hearings:**

There were no Public Hearings scheduled at this December 9, 2021 Planning Board meeting.

Chairwoman Conte asked for an Appointment of a Temporary Chair for the January 13, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Township Manager Tomczyk made a motion for Mr. Cassidy and Mayor Steglik seconded the motion. Township Manager Tomczyk-agree; Mayor Steglik-agree; Alt #2 Mr. Venkatakrisnan-agree; Mr. Bathke-agree; Mr. Naik-agree; Mr. Pfeiffer-agree; Councilwoman Janjua-agree; Vice Chair Cassidy-agree & Chairwoman Conte-agree and the motion was carried.

The remaining 2022 reorganization matters were for review only at this last regular meeting of December 9, 2021 and will be voted on at the January 13, 2022 reorganization meeting. The board was asked if they had any comments on these items and Mr. Venkatakrisnan asked if the bylaws could be looked at and possibly changed noting where it specific to Chair (man) and revise it to say just Chair or Chairperson. Township Manager stated that the Planning Board Solicitor would take a look at this to change and bring it before the Board at the Re-organization meeting on January 13, 2022.

Chairwoman Conte asked if any of the Board members had any comments: Mayor Steglik wanted to thank Ms. Conte & Mr. Naik who would not be returning to the Board for their service to the Planning Board & Mount Laurel Township. Mr. Naik wanted to thank Township Manager Tomczyk, Township Staff & Professionals for their hard work with bringing these applications to the Board for a hearing. He emphasized that the Board members get the applications once they have been processed, received and reviewed by the Staff of the Township and the Professionals and indicated that a lot of hard work goes into that and it shows how dedicated these persons are to the Township of Mount Laurel. He also indicated that it is tough with 2 little ones at the moment, to fulfil his duties on the Planning Board that is why he did not send in an application but that he would be back in the future, because it was a great opportunity for him being a part of this process for Mount Laurel.

Chairwoman Conte called for a motion to adjourn and Mayor Steglik made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM and Township Manager Tomczyk seconded the motion, all present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Trish Hochreiter  
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January 13, 2022  
Adopted on: