

Mount Laurel Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of January 13, 2022 was called to order by Chairman Bathke at 7:30 pm.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read at the Reorganization Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence was observed at Reorganization Meeting

Roll Call

This was done at the Reorganization meeting; no change in attendance.

Professionals in Attendance

Mr. William Long – Board Engineer, Mr. Michael Angelastro – Traffic Engineer. Brian McVey – Fire Marshal, Mr. John Miller – PB Solicitor, and Trish Hochreiter – PB Secretary. Mr. Long, Mr. Angelastro & Mr. McVey were sworn in by the Planning Board Solicitor Mr. Miller.

Adopting Minutes:

Chairman Bathke, called for a motion to adopt the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2021 & Special Meeting minutes of December 21, 2021. Township Manager Tomczyk made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer. All present were in favor except, Alt #1 Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pizzo, Mayor Pritchett, and Vice-Chair Dewey who abstained, and the motion was carried.

Resolutions:

Chairman Bathke, called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-2022-1 for Establishing Standard Protocols for Remote Public Meetings Held during a Governor-Declared Emergency. Township Manager Tomczyk made the motion and it was seconded by Councilwoman Cohen. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

At this time, Board Solicitor Mr. Miller explained that the public hearing tonight was a conflict for him and that Zoning Board Solicitor Mr. Campbell would be overseeing the hearing and on behalf of himself and his Colleagues he thanked the Board for another year to serve the Planning Board as Board Solicitor, Mr. Miller excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Bathke indicated that one public hearing would be heard this evening and read the application information as:

1. **PSE&G, File #PB2122** - 4009 Church Road, Block 1311, Lot 1.01. The application is for Preliminary and Final Site Plan with Bulk Variances to upgrade the equipment and structures at the M & R Station. The applicant was represented by Thomas Letizia, Esq. from Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, LLP who introduced Christian Castronova as the Project Manager for the project, Joseph Schneider, P.E. with J.F. Kiely Service Co and Kathy Herring, P.E. P.P. with E2PM. Chairman Bathke accepted all those introduced and accepted their credentials. They were all sworn in by Board Solicitor Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Letizia explained this project as a preliminary and final site plan with design waivers and several variances being sought with this application. Mr. Castronova, Mr. Schneider and Ms. Herring gave an extension overview of this project including the reasons for the variances. It was also explained that the existing vegetation was not being touch and felt that adding landscaping of any kind could be

a detriment to the project because of the equipment not only underground but above ground. At this time there is no need to have a construction trailer on site and if they see at the time of the work a construction trailer is needed they would come back to the board for approval. Due to the location of this project a variance from installing sidewalks was being asked. They have agreed to a contribution to the sidewalk trust fund.

The professionals reviewed their reports and Mr. Angelastro spoke on behalf of Mr. Petrongolo who was absent from the meeting. Mr. Angelastro, Mr. Long and Mr. McVey all indicated that their comments have been addressed and agreed too. Mr. Long did indicate that he would still need a Phase 1 site assessment.

Chairman Bathke opened it up to any public comments at 8:45 and seeing no comments from the public closed the public portion at 8:45pm.

Chairman Bathke asked for any remaining questions from the Board or the Board Professionals seeing none he asked the Planning Board Solicitor to read the conditions of this application.

Chairman Bathke called for a motion to approve the preliminary and final site plan with variances for PSEG. Township Manager Tomczyk made the motion to approve the application as presented, and seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer. Township Manager Tomczyk-agree; Mr. Pfeiffer-agree; Ms. Lewis-agree; Mr. Pizzo-agree; Mr. Venkatakrisnan-agree; Councilwoman Cohen-agree; Mayor Pritchett-agree Vice-Chair Dewey-agree & Chairman Bathke-agree and the motion was carried.

Chairman Bathke called for a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting and Township Manager Tomczyk made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm and Mayor Pritchett seconded the motion, all present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Hochreiter

Planning Board Administrator

Adopted On: February 10, 2022