

ALPINE PLANNING BOARD

Alpine Borough Hall
100 Church Street
Alpine, New Jersey 07620

MINUTES

September 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Planning Board, Borough of Alpine, convened in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. Catherine Parilla read the announcement in accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the notice of this regular meeting held Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. has met the requirements of the law by publication in The Record, posting on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and filing in the office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, Lorraine Mattes, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Mayor Paul Tomasko
Members Absent: Carol Cochi, David Kupferschmid, Joyce Sonpal, Alt I Jeff Fromm
Staff Present: Michael Kates, Board Attorney, Perry Frenzel, Borough Engineer Marilyn Hayward, Board & Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019 REGULAR MEETING:

Attorney Kates requested two minor corrections: On page 1 Burgis Association should be Burgis Associates in two places and the memorialization should begin Attorney Landolfi rather than Attorney Kates.

Upon a motion by Mayor Tomasko, seconded by Ms. Herries, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Planning Board Regular Meeting. Eligible members voted as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING:

Upon a motion by Ms. Gerstein, seconded by Ms. Herries, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Planning Board Executive Session Meeting. Eligible members voted as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW APPLICATION: Soil Moving – Their, Kelly 3 Deerhill Rd Block 50 Lot 1.01 Matter carried to October 22.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notice of Certification of Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan re: 74/5

Stormwater Management Expert: Chairwoman Parilla called on Engineer Frenzel who stated upon review of the Alpine Three application he recommends the Borough retain a drainage expert. The plan has two separate drainage systems involving water quality and downstream impacts to be considered. He would feel more comfortable having someone with a higher level of expertise review the application.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gerstein, seconded by Ms. McGuire, to authorize Engineer Frenzel to engage the services of an expert on stormwater management and drainage systems.

Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

TREE ORDINANCE: Chairwoman Parilla called on Engineer Frenzel. Mr. Frenzel noted redevelopment of a recent property required 85 replacement trees. Spacing out that volume of the same type of 4-inch caliper trees over a period of years, eventually the yard is in total shade. After consultation with Environmental Chair Mattes they propose modifying the current ordinance to encourage diversity of size and species, both coniferous and deciduous; a more sensible and aesthetic approach. Credit towards replacement would be given to someone willing to plant larger trees. Ms. Mattes added Mr. Frenzel recommended this four months ago, it has been thoroughly discussed and would be very beneficial.

Upon a motion by Mayor Tomasko, seconded by Ms. Gerstein to refer the draft amendment to the tree ordinance to Attorney Kates for review and submission to the Mayor and Council for introduction.

Discussion: Ms. Mattes noted several landscapers are looking for these changes. Mayor Tomasko noted the timetable for final approval with introduction at the October Mayor and Council meeting and adoption in November. He offered with the Board's approval they could provide leeway to Ms. Mattes and Mr. Frenzel in deciding these matters in the interim. All were in agreement.

Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

BILLS AND CLAIMS: A motion to approve bills was made by Ms. Herries, seconded by Ms. Gerstein

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Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Northern Valley Mayors & Planners Assoc.: No meeting last month or this month.

Board of Health: Regular meeting September 10. Report available. Ms. Parilla and Ms. McGuire discussed raising the issue of mosquito control with the Board of Health. Mayor Tomasko referenced Bergen County Mosquito Control.

Environmental Commission: No report.

Building Department: Report is on file.

NJ Transit Update: No new information. Mayor Tomasko following determination to end the train at Englewood there is movement growing to convert the old Northern Valley line into a greenway as was done in Rockland County.

COAH Update: Mayor Tomasko requested the Board go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A Resolution providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Upon a motion by Ms. McGuire, seconded by Ms. Mattes, and approved by all, the Board entered into a closed session at 7:45 PM pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) for a discussion on a matter of pending litigation and that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Planning Board that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Vote: Ayes: Ms. Gerstein, Ms. Herries, Ms. Mattes, Ms. McGuire, Mayor Tomasko

The Executive Session closed and open session reconvened at 8:06 PM

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular Planning Board meeting was made by Ms. Gerstein and seconded by Ms. Mattes. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Hayward
Recording Secretary