

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM

Planning Board

Minutes

December 16, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building

Call to Order

Meeting brought to order by Vice-Chair Friedman at 7:05 P.M.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act

Vice-Chair Friedman made the Statement of Conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Municipal Land Use Legislation and in accordance with the April 2, 2020 recommendations of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in hosting the Planning Board meeting

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Veasy, Councilman Freeman, Friedman, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Kavalkovich

Absent: Natale, Mehigan, Touri, Cortland

Staff: Kienz, Michelle Taylor, Newton, Rijs, Kinney

Continuation of Scheduled Matters – None

New Business

1. General Reexamination and Master Plan Amendment dated December 6, 2021

Ashton G. Jones – Sworn

Senior Planner – Remington & Vernick Engineers

Mr. Jones reviewed the General Reexamination and Master Plan Amendment prepared by Remington & Vernick Engineers

The Master Plan has been continuously updated with various master plan documents – the 2006 Master Plan, reexamination reports in 2011 and 2012, Pinelands area amendment

Findings in this report address:

Major problems and objectives

Extent to which problems and objectives have been reduced or increased

Extent to which there have been significant changes

Specific changes recommended

Planning Board recommendations

Recommendations for the development of public electric vehicle infrastructure

The Reexamination Report concludes that while the Township has continuously updated various master plan documents (the 2006 Master Plan, reexamination reports in 2011 and 2012, Pineland's area amendment, various individual master plan documents, etc.), the Township should undertake a universal revision of the Master Plan. While the 2006 Master Plan updated the land use element, the most recent circulation element was drafted in 1990. Much has happened in the Township (Evesham Circle, etc.) and circulation patterns should be revaluated and analyzed. Considering that various elements have been updated in various years, a comprehensive master plan update should be considered.

Public Comment –

Rosemary Bernardi – 10 Halifax Court – Sworn
Kings Grant resident

Feels communication on this matter needs to be better

Feels residents need more time to digest and review document

Impacts entire Township, especially the Kings Grant and Barton Run, Links Golf Course, former Barton Run Swim Club and Forest Area

Concerned about vacant properties

Michelle Taylor, Taylor Design Group – Board Planner – sworn

This Amendment includes Taylor Design Group report dated 12/2/2021, DRAFT Ordinance Amendments Barton Run, Kings Grant and Forest Area and recommended amendments for the Pinelands Sub-Regional Plan

Ordinances will not be voted on at this meeting

Ila Vassallo – 5 Beauport Court – Sworn

Member of the Evesham Environmental Commission

Consider to be included - Green Building and codes, Climate change, open space, recreation and disability accessibility

Public Comment – Closed

Board Comment –

Mayor Veasy – are maps included same as 2020

Ms. Taylor – yes

Mayor Veasy – can recommendations from Environmental Commission be considered

Ms. Taylor – yes

Recommendations can be made to recommend the element be considered

Vice-Chair Friedman suggested that Green Building be included

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Motion to approve General Reexamination and Master Plan Amendment to include – going forward Green Building Plan and prioritize addressing climate change – Councilman Freeman
Second – Higginbotham

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Councilman Freeman, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Friedman, Kavalkovich

Public Comment –

Rosemary Bernardi

Would like to reiterate – moving forward please give public more time to review

Minutes – 11/18/2021

Motion to approve – Higginbotham

Second – Kavalkovich

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Councilman Freeman, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Friedman, Kavalkovich

Resolutions

Motion to approve – 2021-PB-17 – Adoption of Evesham Township Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan – Councilman Freeman

Second – Higginbotham

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Councilman Freeman, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Friedman

Motion to table – 2021-PB-18 – P21-02 AMS Evesham – Mayor Veasy

Second – Sullivan

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Friedman, Kavalkovich

Nay: Councilman Freeman

Motion to approve – 2021-PB-19 – P21-05 - Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority – Higginbotham

Second – Costello

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Councilman Freeman, Costello, Higginbotham, Sullivan, Friedman, Kavalkovich

Public Comment - None

Board Comment

Mayor Veasy thanked subcommittee and staff for their work on the General Reexamination and Master Plan Amendment

Mayor Veasy also wished all a Happy Holiday

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Communication/Organization - None

Next Meeting – 1/6/2022

Meeting Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.