

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM

Planning Board

Minutes

February 2, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building

Meeting Conducted Remotely

Via ZOOM

Call to Order

Meeting brought to order by Chairperson Friedman at 7:00 P.M.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act

Chairperson Friedman made the statement that this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and all other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey. Notice of the conduct of this meeting has been posted in the Evesham Township Municipal Building and published in a newspaper of general circulation within the time required by law. All proceedings will be in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law, and any other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Freeman, Bock, Everhart, Higginbotham, Killion-Smith, Sullivan, Kavalkovich, Smith, Costello, Friedman

Staff: Cucchiaro, Newton, Kinney

Continuation of Scheduled Matters – None

New Business

1. Master Plan Consistency Determination

Ordinance 1-2-2023 - amending chapter 62-56H. Street Trees and adding new sub section (11) recommended list for Street Trees, Shade Trees and Prohibited Street and Shade Trees

Mayor Veasy – the Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions have merged – this Ordinance is the result of their work and recommendations to better serve the community

Chairman Friedman questioned the section on Prohibited Street and Shade Trees Board Member Higginbotham and Environmental Commission Member, advised that these trees can be a problem

Mr. Cucchiaro advised the Board that the Ordinance being presented would help to guide the applicants in which species to use when submitting applications such as site plan, etc.

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Public Comment – None

Motion to approve Ordinance 1-2-2023 – Street Trees and is Consistent with the Master Plan – Everhart

Second – Higginbotham

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Freeman, Bock, Everhart, Higginbotham, Killion-Smith, Sullivan, Costello, Friedman

Ordinance 2-2-2023 – amending chapters 94-18 Definitions; 94-19 Non-residential buildings; and 72-1 schedule of fees

Board Secretary Newton gave an explanation as follows:

Chapter 94-18 New Tenant Certification is a change in the name for what was previously a No Work Certificate of Occupancy – this is a name change only and is in conformity with the request from the Department of Community Affairs to cease use of Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey forms and language

Chapter 94-19 Non-Residential Buildings; and Chapter 2-1 Schedule of Fees – these fees schedules are taken from the State of New Jersey

Chairman Friedman is concerned about the wording in Section VI (d) & (e) – that it is not clear, i.e. – up to & included

Board Member Everhart – has the same concerns about Section VII (5)

Mr. Cucchiaro – these fees and language are from the State – recommendation can be made to the Governing Body to refine language

Public Comment – None

Motion to approve Ordinance 2-2-2023 – Amending Chapters 94-18, 94-19, 72-1 and is Consistent with the Master Plan – Higginbotham

Second – Everhart

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Freeman, Bock, Everhart, Higginbotham, Killion-Smith, Sullivan, Costello, Friedman

Ordinance 3-2-2023 – Amending Chapter 94 by repealing and Replacing Attachment 2 Land Use Board Application Checklist

Board Secretary gave an explanation as follows:

This has been looked over by the Planning Board Planner Scott Taylor

These changes will help clarify what is required by the Applicant, i.e. – number of copies to be submitted – both paper and digital, information on Stormwater, certification of taxes, etc.

Board Member Bock questioned item #4 – Certification signed by Tax Collector

Board Secretary Newton – clarified that this certification come directly from the Tax Collector, not verified from electronic sources

Public Comment – None

Motion to approve Ordinance 3-2-2023 -Amending Chapters 94 and is Consistent with the Master Plan – Sullivan

Second – Higginbotham

Ayes: Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Freeman, Bock, Everhart, Higginbotham, Killion-Smith, Sullivan, Costello, Friedman

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Motion to approve – Killion-Smith

Second – Higginbotham

Ayes: Deputy Mayor Freeman, Higginbotham, Killion-Smith, Kavalkovich, Friedman

Memorialization of Resolution - None

Public Comment - None

Board Comment

Vice Chair Costello questioned the use of the word ‘dispensary’ that has been presented to the Board on previous cannabis applications. Would it be acceptable for an Ordinance to be prepared to address this?

Mayor Veasy – this can be considered and should be formally sent to Township Council for review

Mr. Cucchiaro - wording for such an Ordinance can be put in a formal request to the Governing Body

Chairman Friedman asked the status of the Open Space Recreation Plan

Board Secretary Newton – at this time the draft is being reviewed by Township Council and will also be sent to Environmental Commission, Black Run Preserve etc. for review and comments

Communication/Organization – Board Secretary Newton announced that the Pinelands Commission has prepared a new Pineland’s Stormwater Control Plan and at this time it is being reviewed by the Township Engineer and will be presented to the Governing Body at the March 8, 2023 Township Council meeting and then forwarded to the Planning Board for the March 16, 2023 meeting

Next Meeting – 2-16-2023

Meeting Adjourn – 7:25 p.m.