

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012

The reorganization meeting of the Fair Lawn Planning Board on Monday, January 9, 2012 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Cathy Hochkeppel in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Municipal Building.

The notice of the Open Public Meetings Law was read stating that the newspapers were notified and a notice posted on the first floor bulletin board of the Fair Lawn Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Present: Peter Kortright, III, Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Jim VanKruiningen, Kenesha Brathwaite, Cristina Cutrone, Tom Carney, Brent Pohlman, Joan Fragala, Joseph Mele

Also present: Attorney Thomas Randall, Engineer Jeffrey Morris, Cathy Hochkeppel

Swearing in of New/Reappointed Members

Mayor Jeanne Baratta swore in Board members Brent Pohlman, Tom Carney, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski and Joseph Mele. Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski swore in Mayor Jeanne Baratta.

Election of Chairman

Cathy Hochkeppel opened the time for nominations for Chairman. Larry Metzger nominated Peter Kortright, III. Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and the time for nominations was closed. Chairman Peter Kortright, III, was elected unanimously. AYES: Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman, Peter Kortright, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Cathy Hochkeppel opened the time for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski nominated Brent Pohlman for Vice-Chairman and Mayor Baratta seconded the motion. Kenesha Brathwaite nominated Todd Malkin for Vice-Chairman and Larry Metzger seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and the time for nominations was closed. The roll call vote stands as follows: Ayes for Brent Pohlman -

Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman; Ayes for Todd Malkin - Chairman Peter Kortright, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite. Brent Pohlman is elected the Vice-Chairman (5 to 4 vote).

Selection of Secretary

Upon motion by Todd Malkin and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, Cathryn Hochkeppel was unanimously selected as Secretary. AYES: Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman, Peter Kortright, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite.

Chairman Kortright assumed the chair.

Swearing in of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mayor Jeanne Baratta swore in Peter Kortright as Chairman and Brent Pohlman as Vice-Chairperson.

Appointment of Attorney, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.8

There was discussion regarding the resumes received by the Board. Deputy Mayor Trawinski indicated he was nominating Thomas Randall, Esq., as Board attorney and Brent Pohlman seconded the motion. Larry Metzger stated that Douglas Bern has done a fabulous job for this Board and nominated Douglas Bern, Esq. The motion was seconded by Kenesha Brathwaite. Todd Malkin suggested that the Board retain Douglas Bern's services to continue advice on Landmark litigation and it was the unanimous consensus of the Board to follow this suggestion. The roll call vote for Board attorney was as follows: AYES for Thomas Randall - Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman, Todd Malkin; AYES for Douglas Bern - Chairman Peter Kortright, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite. Mr. Randall is the attorney selected for the Board (6 to 3 vote). Cristina Cutrone asked Mr. Randall if he intended to attend the meetings himself or if he sent an associate. Mr. Randall indicated that he would personally be attending most meetings and would send his associate if there was a conflict.

Appointment of Engineer, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.8

Todd Malkin noted that there was a big disparity between the rates of Dewberry Engineering and Boswell Engineering. Both firms are highly qualified. Jeffrey Morris was

temporarily named Board Engineer and this matter will be further discussed next month. It was asked that Boswell Engineering submit a refined rate schedule or a letter of explanation within the next two weeks.

Appointment of Conflict Engineer

Ms. Hochkeppel suggested that this matter be discussed next month once the Board Engineer is finalized.

Appointment of Court Reporter, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.8

Upon motion by Mayor Baratta and a second by Todd Malkin, Karen Koscis, CSR and Laura Carucci, CSR, were unanimously appointed as Court Reporters. AYES: Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman, Peter Kortright, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite.

Appointment of Planner, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.8

It was suggested that Cheryl Bergailo of Taylor design be appointed for ninety days and an RFQ be prepared for Planner. Deputy Mayor Trawinski moved that Ms. Bergailo be appointed for 90 days and Brent Pohlman seconded the motion that was unanimously adopted. AYES: Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski, Mayor Jeanne Baratta, Jim VanKruiningen, Joan Fragala, Brent Pohlman, Peter Kortright, Todd Malkin, Larry Metzger, Kenesha Brathwaite.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Larry Metzger and a second by Todd Malkin, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Hochkeppel
Municipal Housing Liaison/
Land Use Administrator/
Secretary of the Planning Board

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