

WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007

The work session of November 5, 2007, was called to order by Chairman Barry Winston at 7:00 p.m. The notice of the open Public Meetings Law was read.

Roll Call

Present: Harvey Rubinstein, Peter Kortright III, Deputy Mayor Marty Etlar, Todd Malkin, Joseph D'Arco, Honey Morgenstern, Chairman Barry Winston, Phillip Cassidy, Alan Neggia, Larry Metzger, Michael Cohen Absent: Honey Morgenstern

Also present: Board Engineer John Rottenbacher, Board Attorney Douglas Bern, Board Secretary Cathy Hochkeppel

Harvey Rubinstein stated that there is a home on Saddle River Road with a circular driveway who bricked the green in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and curb. Harvey Rubinstein stated that when he inquired about it, he was told by the Building Department that they had no way to control that area. Ms. Hochkeppel was asked to look into the matter.

Statutory Review of Ordinance No. 2096-2007

Most members felt that the tree ordinance was comprehensive. It was noted that the ordinance prohibited topping of trees. Phillip Cassidy commented that one of the worst offenders is PSE&G. Board Attorney Douglas Bern commented that unfortunately the Borough cannot regulate a utility.

There was some concern about whether there was enough staff to perform the tasks required. It was the consensus of the Board that it recommend adoption of the ordinance.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Michael Cohen and a second by Todd Malkin, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Hochkeppel
Land Use Administrator/
Secretary of the Planning Board

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