

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2009

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

The meeting of the Ocean Township Planning Board was held on the above date and time; Chairman Anepete presided and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Times-Beacon and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vince Anepete Dennis Tredy
 Ralph Avellino Gordon VonSchmidt
 James Eckert Craig James

Members Absent: Bob Knowles, Ronald Negra, Rita Sweeney, Lee Eagles

Chairman Anepete asked for a motion to take action on the minutes of the September 3, 2009, Regular Meeting. Mr. Avellino made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye) Avellino, Eckert, Tredy, Anepete. Abstain: VonSchmidt.

Chairman Anepete noted that there were no vouchers to approve this month.

Correspondence list was attached in the board's packet and the Chairman offered that if anyone would like to review the correspondence it is always available in the board office.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tredy brought to the board's attention that the Jackson litigation concerning their Tree Ordinance has been settled. Our revisions to the Township had been put on hold while waiting to see what the outcome would be with the litigation in Jackson.

Mr. Avellino raised a question concerning COAH letter received by the board that is shown on the correspondence list. Mr. Yost reviewed the correspondence and summarized the letter for the board.

Workshop session began – Ordinances to be discussed were garage sales and building height requirements. The board started with the garage sale ordinance. A complaint has been that some residents have been using garage sales as a business and having one every week or more. After much discussion by the board it was decided that registration should be required for all garage sales. A colored placard will be issued to display on the front of the house. Sales can be for no longer than 2 consecutive days from 9:00-5:00 each day. Residents will be limited to 2 sales per year. Any special circumstances can be addressed on a case by case basis. There should be no fee for garage sales. Address and dates of sale have to be on all garage sales sign; signs must be free standing, not on any fixed object and shall be no larger than 18x24. The signs can be put out 12 hours prior to the sale and must be taken down within 12 hours after the sale has ended. There is no limit to the amount of signs that can be placed out as long as they are taken down within the 12 hours ending the sale. Monday morning, the Code Enforcement Officer should be able to drive around and pull any signs and issue summonses or warnings. Any changes to the ordinance should be put on the T.V. channel and the website to alert residents. Perhaps in the spring, there can be a “did you know” flyer to residents which could include any changes to ordinances. The ordinance should be attached to the placard they receive when registering.

Mr. Yost will draft all an ordinance with all matters discussed for the garage sale.

The board then discussed building height requirements for ordinances. 35’ is mentioned in only several zones. The Zoning Board would like 35’ to be included all zones. Mr. McVicar would like to include in the ordinances, “*unless otherwise specified in the ordinance, the maximum height shall be limited to 35’.*” Mr. Yost felt this statement would satisfy any challenges. Any relief of that would have to be satisfied through a variance.

Secretary requested any members planning to attend the dinner on October that they RSVP as soon as possible.

Mr. Tredy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. VonSchmidt seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O’Connor,
Planning Board Secretary