

Township of Ocean Planning Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021

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This meeting was held virtually via Zoom Meeting
Agenda: <http://twpoceannj.gov/PB/2021/PB-agenda-030421.pdf>

Start Recording: 7:00PM

Lippincott calls the meeting to order, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

NJ Open Public Meetings Act read by Clune: Pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey open public meetings act the notice of the meeting has been properly provided by sending copies of the notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on a bulletin board in the administration building.

Roll Call

Robert G. Beck: Here
Nichlas Bonamassa: Here
Shawn Denning, Jr.: Yes
Lydia Dodd: Not present
Paul Kavka: Here
Ben LoParo: Here
Donald Lippincott: Here
John Petrosilli: Here
Aaron Shapiro: Here
William T. Sneddon: Here
Rita Sweeney: Not Present

Clune: Let the record reflect that the professionals present this evening are Steven Yost from Haines & Yost, Stan Slachetka, from T&M Associates.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2020 and February 4, 2021; motion made by Beck, seconded by Denning.

Roll Call

Beck: Yes
Denning: Yes
Bonamassa: Yes
Kavka: Yes

LoParo: Yes, to February 4 and abstain on 12/21

Petrosilli: Yes

Shapiro: Yes

Sneddon: Yes

Lippincott: Yes

Approval of Bills, attached. Shapiro motions, Petrosilli seconds.

Shapiro: Yes

Petrosilli: Yes

Beck: Yes

Bonamassa: Yes

Denning: Yes

Kavka: Yes

LoParo: Yes

Sneddon: Yes

Lippincott: Yes

Correspondence attached.

No in formals or old business. No Resolutions.

New Business

1. Ordinance No. 2021-4; An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Establishing Chapter 410.43.3 Entitled “Temporary Outdoor Dining Area.”
 - a. Permitting outdoor dining in response to COVID-19, to help restaurants maintain active hours while indoor dining is restricted. However, Dr. Loparo points out that this is to extend the ordinance to exist outside of the COVID-19 Pandemic and to continue after the state restrictions are lifted.
 - b. Petrosilli asks, the ordinance refers to establishments that have been previously approved will not pay a fee unless they change something.
 - c. Beck raises the concern regarding expanding the capacity of people vs the parking for those seats. Increase seating without increase in parking. Bonamassa agrees with concern.
 - d. Denning expresses concerns regarding footprint approval, traffic issues, and aesthetics. Notes that the ordinance the way it reads is lacking in safeguards.
 - e. Discussion regarding “Temporary” as the term takes place. Recommendation of a sunset clause. Idea of an expiration date on this ordinance.

- f. Kristy's had to go through the proper channels and spend the money to do so, whereas others will not have to do that, Bonamassa noted.
- g. Laurie asks what the maximum seating is, where are the parameters? LoParo recommends evaluation on an individual basis. Kavaka recommends a checklist.
 - i. Discussion regarding shared parking volumes takes place, along with capacity of occupancy.
- h. Slachetka suggests language changing to "Seasonal"; Denning recommends a sunset clause of December 2022 and allow the permit to extend through December 31, 2022 without need for renewal unless there is a change, classify it as Seasonal, and a separate "Seasonal" ordinance for future after December 2022; Beck asked if we will require a site plan regarding the ingress and egress of traffic around parking lot;
 - i. Recommendation letter created to send to committee.

Motion to the Public, Denning motioned, Petrosilli seconded.

Moderator noted that there is no one in the public. Petrosilli motioned to close to public comment.

Motion to approve with recommendations to committee made by Denning, seconded by Beck.

Roll Call

Denning: Yes

Beck: Yes

Bonamassa: Yes

Kavka: Yes

LoParo: Yes

Petrosilli: Yes

Shapiro: Yes

Sneddon: (left meeting early)

Lippincott: Yes

Motion to Adjourn made by Shapiro, seconded by Denning, all in favor.

End of Recording.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2021 at 7PM.