

# TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

### **COUNTY OF MORRIS** Gillette, Homestead Park, Meyersville, Millington, Stirling

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## PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING October 12, 2021

The Long Hill Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment met for a Special Meeting via online virtual meeting format using Zoom Webinar.

At 7:34 pm, Chairman Sandow called the meeting to order, and Chairman Gerecht made the following announcements:

- **(1)** Call to Order and Statement of Compliance
- **Standard Board Procedures (2)**
- **(3) Meeting Cut-Off**
- **Pledge of Allegiance** Recited by all in attendance. **(4)**
- **(5) Roll Call** – Board Secretary Coonce called the roll:

#### Planning Board:

Dennis Sandow, Chairman Present: Absent/Excused:

Steven Warner, Esq., Board Attorney Thomas Jones, Vice Chairman \* Elizabeth Leheny, Board Planner Brendan Rae, Deputy Mayor Mike Lanzafama, Board Engineer Victor Verlezza, Committeeman \*\*

Theresa Dill David Hands Tom Malinousky Alan Pfeil Don Richardson

Debra Coonce, Board Secretary

\* Vice Chairman Jones joined the meeting at 7:55 pm. \*\* Committeeman Verlezza joined the meeting at 7:53 pm.

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

Ed Gerecht, Chairman Absent/Excused: Jerry Aroneo Present:

> Brian Johnson, Vice Chairman Scott Hain (Alt. #1) Gary Gianakis Jill Robertson (Alt. #2)

Tom Grosskopf Steven Warner, Esq., Board Attorney Mike Malloy Elizabeth Leheny, Board Planner Jonathan Rosenberg Rich Keller, Board Engineer

Debra Coonce, Board Secretary

Executive Session – Upon motion made and seconded, the Board's entered into Executive Session at 7:40 pm to **(6)** discuss Board Professional Contracts and the interview process for the position of Board Attorney. The Boards exited the Executive Session at 10:59 pm.

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#### **Executive Session Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12a) requires that all public meetings be open and include members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) also permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment are of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from the executive session of October 12, 2021.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: *Interviews for the position of Board Attorney beginning in January 2022*
- 3. Minutes of said discussion will be made available as soon as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
- 4. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

This Resolution takes effect immediately.

Moved by: Zoning Board Member Grosskopf

Seconded by: Zoning Board Member Vice Chairman Johnson

Roll Call Vote: Approved by the unanimous votes of all members of both Boards present and eligible to vote.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Debra Coonce, Board Secretary and Planning/Zoning Coordinator to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, at a Regular Meeting/Hearing held on October 12, 2021.

Debra Coonce, Board Secretary Planning & Zoning Coordinator

Secretary Coonce noted the Zoning Board members need to discuss certain business before adjourning their portion of the meeting.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Planning Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn their portion of the meeting at 11:01 pm.

#### **ZONING BOARD BUSINESS**

Chairman Gerecht asked the Board members to express their opinions about going back into the Township Court Room or keeping the meeting in Zoom format for the time being. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to keep the meeting format on Zoom for the remainder of the calendar year.

(7) Adjournment – The Joint Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Coonce, Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary

Planning & Zoning Coordinator

Videos of Planning Board meeting(s) are available on the Township website at <a href="www.longhillnj.gov">www.longhillnj.gov</a>. Audio recordings of the meeting(s) are available for purchase by filing an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) request through the Municipal Clerk's office. All documents relating to applications may be examined by the public in the Planning & Zoning Office located in the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building.