

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES OF THE MEETING January 2, 2018

The Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment met for a Regular/Organizational Meeting in the Court Room of the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building located at 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Township Website, published in the Echoes-Sentinel Newspaper and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

At 8:14 pm, Planning & Zoning Coordinator Debra Coonce made the following announcements:

(1) <u>Call to Order and Statement of Compliance</u>

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting a copy of the public meeting dates on the municipal bulletin board, by sending a copy to the Echoes-Sentinel and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2017.

(2) Electronic Devices

All in attendance are asked to turn off cell phones and the like as they interfere with taping mechanism.

(3) Pledge of Allegiance

All persons present in the Court Room were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered by Jolanta Maziarz, Esq. to Jonathan Rosenberg.

New Members Gary Gianakis and Victor Verlezza were not present; Oath of Office will be administered at the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

(5) Election of Chairman

Upon motion made by Mr. O'Mullan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Ed Gerecht was elected Chairman unanimously by all members present and eligible to vote to serve at the pleasure of the Board through January 8, 2019.

(6) <u>Public Statements by</u> Board Members

Mr. O'Mullan read a statement of disappointment regarding the Township Committee's decision to not reappoint Mr. Michael Pesce to the Zoning Board and felt that he should be honored for his many years of service and dedication to the Board.

Chairman Gerecht noted thanks to former member Mr. Richard Keegan thanking him for his many years of service and dedication to the Board.

Additionally, upon motion made by Mr. O'Mullan and seconded by Mr. Grosskopf, the Board agreed to write a letter to the Township Committee expressing their disappointment regarding the decision to not reappoint Mr. Pesce, and requesting the Committee to honor both Mr. Pesce and Mr. Keegan for the service to the Board.

(7) <u>Election of Vice Chairman</u>

Upon motion made by Mr. Gerecht and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg, Michael O'Mullan was elected Vice Chairman unanimously by all members present and eligible to vote to serve at the pleasure of the Board through January 8, 2019.

(8) Roll Call

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Debra Coonce made note of the members present and absent:

Present: Edwin Gerecht, Jr., Chairman Absent: Jerry Aroneo Michael O'Mullan, Vice Chairman Mike Malloy

Tom Grosskopf Gary Gianakis (Alt. #1)
Brian Johnson Victor Verlezza (Alt. #2)

Jonathan Rosenberg

Jolanta Maziarz, Esq., Board Attorney Debra Coonce, Board Secretary Kevin O'Brien, Board Planner Tom Lamanowicz, Board Engineer

(9) Appointments

Upon motion made and seconded, and by the unanimous votes of all members present, the following actions were taken:

- Appointment of Jolanta Maziarz, Esq. as Board Attorney to serve until January 8, 2019.
- Appointment of Debra Coonce as Board Secretary to serve until January 8, 2019.
- Appointment of Kevin O'Brien as Board Planner to serve until January 8, 2019.
- Appointment of Tom Lemanowicz as Board Engineer to serve until January 8, 2019.

(10) Adoption of the 2018 Meeting Schedule

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Vice Chairman O'Mullan, the Board adopted the 2018 meeting schedule to be posted on the municipal bulletin board and website, copies will be sent to the Echoes-Sentinel and Courier Newspapers and filed with the Municipal Clerk. 2018 meeting dates are as follows:

January 2, 2018 (Reorganization Meeting)

February 6, 2018

March 6, 2018

April 3, 2018

May 1, 2018

June 5, 2018

June 19, 2018

June 19, 2018

July 17, 2018 (No second meeting in July)
August 7, 2018 (No second meeting in August)

 September 4, 2018
 September 18, 2018

 October 2, 2018
 October 16, 2018

 November 6, 2018
 November 20, 2018

December 4, 2018 (No second meeting in December)

January 8, 2019 (Reorganization Meeting)

(11) <u>Meeting Cut-Off</u>

Announcement is made that, as a matter of procedure, it is the intention of the Zoning Board of Adjustment not to continue any matter past 11:00 PM at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board unless a motion is passed by the members then present to extend the meeting to a later specified cut-off time.

(12) <u>Annual Report</u>

The Board requested Secretary Coonce to prepare a draft of the 2017 Annual Report to be reviewed at the Board's next meeting on January 16, 2018.

Additionally, Chairman Gerecht asked Secretary Coonce and the Board professionals to prepare an educational session for the Board members at the Board's next meeting on January 16, 2018.

- (13) <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes</u> The Minutes of December 5, 2017 were accepted as amended.
- (14) <u>Executive Session</u> None.

(15) Resolution

Village Supermarkets, Inc. (Shoprite) Application No. 16-07Z Block 10501; Lot 1 and Block 10502; Lot 1 1153 Valley Road & 46 Poplar Drive

Upon motion by Mr. Grosskopf and second by Mr. Rosenberg, the Resolution was memorialized with conditions by the unanimous votes of Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gerecht; they being all of the Members present and eligible to vote.

Additionally, Planner O'Brien noted and the Board agreed that correspondence would be emailed to the Construction Department indicating that the Board would have no issue with the Applicant beginning the permitting process within the 45 day appeal timeframe.

(16) New Business

Mr. Grosskopf discussed adding language to the Zoning Board's Rules to indicate that any members of the public wishing to make public comments at the end of a meeting would be limited to a 3-5 minute timeframe. To be discussed further at future meetings.

(17) Adjournment – The Regular and Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Coonce Zoning Board Secretary Planning & Zoning Board Coordinator