

Florence, New Jersey 08518-2323
 May 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Florence Township Board of Adjustment was held on the above date at the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, NJ by virtual means through Webex. Vice Chairman Patel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Secretary Lutz then read the following statement: "I would like to announce that this meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been provided to the official newspapers and posted in the main hall of the Municipal Complex."

Upon roll call the following members were found to be present:

Brett Buddenbaum	Joseph Cartier
Larry Lutz	Anant Patel
Lou Sovak	Margo Mattis
Dennis Puccio	Nick Haas

Absent: None

Also Present: Solicitor David Frank
 Tom Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator

Engineer Hugh Dougherty and Planner Barbara Fegley were both excused.

ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chair Patel stated that B. Michael Zekas has resigned from the Board and has moved out of state.

Vice Chair Patel called for nominations for Chairperson. It was the Motion of Mr. Buddenbaum, seconded by Ms. Mattis to nominate Anant Patel as Chairman. Seeing no other nominations, Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

Chairman Patel called for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Board. It was the Motion of Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Puccio to nominate Brett Buddenbaum for Vice Chairman. Seeing no other nominations, Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution ZB-2020-07: Adoption of the 2019 Annual Report

Solicitor Frank stated that at the last meeting of the Board, we talked about including a recommendation to council that they consider increasing the maximum size allowed for accessory buildings; and, to also look at the possibility of considering pavers and wooden decks as pervious coverage instead of impervious coverage.

It was the Motion of Mr. Buddenbaum, seconded by Ms. Mattis to approve Resolution ZB-2020-07.

Upon roll call, the Board voted as follows:

YEAS: Buddenbaum, Mattis, Cartier, Lutz, Sovak, Patel, Puccio
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None

APPLICATIONS

There were no applications.

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MINUTES

It was the Motion of Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Cartier to accept and file the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 03/16/20: Engineer Dougherty's compliance review letter regarding Foxdale Properties
- B. 04/06/20: Planner Fegley's conformance review letter regarding Foxdale Properties
- C. 04/14/20: Burlington County Planning Board letter regarding Foxdale Properties
- D. 04/27/20: Letter of resignation from B. Michael Zekas

It was the Motion of Mr. Lutz, seconded by Vice Chair Buddenbaum to receive and file Items A – C. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Zekas and noted that he will be missed. It was the Motion of Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Cartier to receive and file Item D. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was the Motion of Mr. Lutz, seconded by Vice Chair Buddenbaum to open the meeting for public comment. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

Information regarding how to virtually attend this meeting has been provided in a published notice as well as listed on the township website. At this time, unidentified persons on the conference call were asked to take themselves off mute so they could be heard. Mr. Sahol stated he has some control to mute individuals during the meeting, but will unmute all individuals during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Bruce Garganio of 603 East Sixth Street stated he knows it's difficult having a virtual meeting but felt the Board did a nice job with this meeting.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Vice Chair Buddenbaum, seconded by Mr. Lutz to close public comment. Motion unanimously approved by all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the Motion of Ms. Mattis, seconded by Mr. Cartier to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by all those present.

Larry Lutz, Secretary

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