

MINUTES

CRESSKILL PLANNING BOARD

OCTOBER 27, 2020

Mr. Ulshoefer opened the meeting at 7:31 PM and announced the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been fulfilled.

Members present at roll call: Mayor Romeo, Councilman Kaplan (via phone), Ms. Bauer, Mr. Malone, Mr. Mandelbaum, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Tsigounis, Mr. Ulshoefer and Mr. Sutera. Also present were Mr. Stamos, Board Attorney and Mr. Azzolina, Borough Engineer.

Mr. Rummel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, meeting, seconded by Ms. Bauer. All present were in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

Correspondence

Letter of Introduction from Mr. Bob Rusch, dated October 20, 2020, sending Mr. Hyungnak Jeon to this Board for approval. He would like to open a one-on-one tutoring and college admission consulting office at 80 Broadway, Suite 1BC. Mr. Jeon was present. He has been operating via Zoom since March. The name of the business will be PEN Education. Mr. Mandelbaum made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rummel. All present were in favor. Motion approved. Letter of approval sent to Mr. Jeon, with copies sent to Ms. Francesca Maragliano, Mr. Bob Rusch, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Health Department.

Letter from Mr. Matthew Capizzi of Capizzi Law Offices dated October 26, 2020, regarding Application #1559, 1 Union Avenue. The letter states that they request to adjourn this matter from the Board's October 27, 2020, agenda and carry same to the Board's November 24, 2020, meeting. They would like the adjournment announced at the October 27th meeting so that they do not need to re-notice the public.

Application for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification for Application #1561, 91 Hillside Avenue, Adem Duraku. File.

Ms. Tsigounis questioned whether we were going to require Application #1559, 1 Union Avenue to re-notice. She had calls from people planning to come to the meeting tonight. There was no one present at the original hearing. She is concerned that people now want to attend and they don't know when the hearing is. Mr. Stamos noted that this one is a little more unique than Zerrenner. This has a component that is involved in the affordable housing element. We have been announcing it and there wasn't anyone at the first meeting. He thinks we can give them one more adjournment without notices. If they do ask for further adjournment from November, he would say it is certainly more than fair to have them re-notice.

Mr. Stamos announced that, if anyone is here, for the record, for the 1 Union Avenue application that was scheduled for tonight, it will be carried to the second meeting in November, which is November 24, 2020, without any further notice.

Ms. Tsigounis handed out the last piece of correspondence, which is the sign for the history museum. The Planning Board okayed them to do this. It shows that it is a colonial style sign. The second page shows where it is going to be placed. The DPW is going to construct a new walkway to the front entrance of the existing home. The walkway doesn't currently exist. It is going to be right off of Cresskill Avenue. Before they order the sign, they just want to make sure they can go ahead and proceed with the order of the sign. Once they get it in their possession, they will work with the DPW to have it installed. Ms. Tsigounis will give them the go ahead to order it.

Subdivision Committee

Nothing to report.

Report from the Borough Engineer's Office

Nothing to report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Tsigounis stated that on Knickerbocker there is a tree that was planted by the County. Mr. Sutera noted that the tree is right in front of his house. The tree is about 100 years old. It is within the sidewalk and street distance. He has lived there for about 17 years. Over the past year, the tree itself is humungous and the canopy covers the entire road. The tree is starting to lean. His main concern is severe loss of life or damage to property. The tree would take out the entire other side of the street and everything with it. He has tried to communicate with the County on a few occasions, but it hasn't been very fruitful. And on a few occasions with our DPW, who in turn redirects him back to the County. Mayor Romeo asked for the location. It is at 386 Knickerbocker. The tree is exhibiting some kind of fungus or rot. He is trying to get somebody to look at the tree to see if something should be done sooner rather than later. Mr. Malone asked the Mayor to add 50 County Road to that list again. He stated that in 2010 they promised that in a year or two they would get everything done (this is the DPW dealing with the County). He is probably at 45° over County, and that's the root, not the branches. The sidewalks are already lifted. Mayor Romeo will talk to the DPW tomorrow and see what they can do.

Other Business

None.

Mr. Ulshoefer opened the meeting to the public. No public wished to be heard.

Motion was made by Mr. Mandelbaum to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, seconded by Mr. Sutera. All present were in favor. Motion approved.

The next four regular Planning Board meetings are scheduled for November 10, November 24, December 8, and December 22, 2020, at 7:30 PM in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Petillo
Recording Secretary