

PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Board, scheduled by the time, place and date of the meeting, prominently posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, mailed to the Times and the Courier, filed with the Borough Clerk, and mailed to any person requesting same in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act is called to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Jack Molenaar, Matthew Juckes, Dennis Sherry, John Steigerwald, Michele Moore, Hans Ruhlandt, William Lee, Catherine De Appolonio, Ray Sullivan

Absent: Mayor Mahr, Teresa Keeler, David Blechinger, Michael Lysicatos, Teresa Seefeldt, Adam Matty, Patrice McMorrow

Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 8, 2017 Agenda Meeting.

New Business

Block 20.01, Lot 24.02, 94 Woodruff (hot tub/corner lot)

Mr. Juckes read the following comments into the record:

Bd. Of Health: no objection
Fire Department: no objection
DPW: no objection
Construction: no objection
Environmental: no objection
Police: no objection

Mr. S. Dhanantwari was sworn in and testified that he desired to have a hot tub installed in his side yard. As his property is on a corner lot his side yard is identified as a front yard, requiring a variance for a 24-foot front yard setback. Mr. Dhanantwari plans to line this side/front property line with pine trees for privacy. The board agreed that the hardship of having two front yards served no purpose in this case and approved this application.

Motion to approve was moved by Dennis Sherry and seconded by Jack Molenaar

Ayes: Sherry, Molenaar, Lee, Juckes, Stiegerwald, Moore, Ruhlandt

Motion carried.

Block 7, Lot 50.1, 196 Hunter, Nigro (fence height)

Mr. Juckes read the following comments into the record:

Bd. Of Health: no objection
Fire Department: no objection
DPW: no objection
Construction: no objection
Environmental: urged that any related plantings be of native species
Police: Concerned about the possibility of blocking the sight triangle

Mr. Nigro was sworn in and testified that he desired to have a six -foot privacy fence on this corner property because of the busy intersection at his corner. He voiced a concern that his dog might jump a 4-foot fence and rejected the idea of a lattice top to the fence because he does not believe that provides the privacy he seeks.

After review and discussion, the Planning Board agreed that the setback of the fence from the roadway was sufficiently great as to permit a fix foot privacy fence and the application was approved.

Motion to approve was moved by Jack Molenaar and seconded by Hans Ruhlandt.

Ayes: Molenaar, Ruhlandt, Lee, Juckes, Sherry, Steigerwald, Moore

Motion carried.

Old Business

Block 50, Lot 30, 55 North Avenue, Verizon (return to PSEG tower)

Mr. Juckes announced that this hearing would be carried to the April 26, 2017 hearing date and there will be no further notice.

Resolutions

Block 55, Lot 1, 1 South Avenue, New Cingular

The board unanimously approved the above-referenced application as follows:

Motion was moved by Mr. Sherry and seconded by Mr. Lee

Ayes: Sherry, Lee, Steigerwald, Moore, Ruhlandt

Motion carried.

Block 55, Lot 1, 1 South Avenue, T-Mobile

The board unanimously approved the above-referenced application as follows:

Motion was moved by Mr. Sherry and seconded by Ms. Moore

Ayes: Sherry, Moore, Steigerwald, Lee, Ruhlandt

Motion carried.

Block 64, Lots 6.02, 17-21, 225 LaGrande, Station Square

The board unanimously approved the above-referenced application as follows:

Motion was moved by Mr. Sherry and seconded by Ms. Moore

Ayes: Sherry, Moore, Steigerwald, Lee, Ruhlandt

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Hoynes, Planning Board Secretary