

**Borough of Pitman Combined Planning/Zoning Board
Pitman, New Jersey**

Minutes of March 21, 2016

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Stech called the meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Councilman Austin, Mrs. Hausmann, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Slenkamp, Chairwoman Stech, Mr. Romick

Absent members: Mr. Aspras, Mr. Fijalkowski, Mr. Owen

Advisors Present:

Mr. MacDonald, Solicitor, Mr. Kernan, Engineer & Planner.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of February Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Ryder, second by Mr. Romick to approve the February Minutes. On voice vote: Councilman Austin, Mrs. Hausmann, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Slenkamp, Mr. Romick

Abstain: Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Chairwoman Stech

Historic Preservation Commission:

Mr. MacDonald swore in Walt Madison.

- There are three applications.
- Two were approved by the Historic Preservation.
- One application was denied for lack of information about a jar.

2016-09: Sun Roofing, 49 West Ave, B- 7. L- 21
Roof

2016-10- Human Village Brewing Co., 148 S. Broadway, B- 25, L- 7
Signage, awning

A motion was made by Mrs. Kelley, second by Mr. Lowden to approve Historic applications 2016-09 & 10. On voice vote: Councilman Austin, Mrs. Hausmann, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Slenkamp, Chairwoman Stech, Mr. Romick

Mr. Madison stated to the board that application 2016-11 was only denied at Historic due to the lack of information about a jar that is to be placed at the sign. The Historic Commission agrees that if the information is giving to this board, the denial can be over turned. Chairwoman Stech asks if anyone in the public is here to speak on behalf of this application.

Mr. MacDonald swore in the applicant, Hannah Mennella, 302 Lake Avenue, Pitman, New Jersey, chairwoman of the Youth Advisory Council a/k/a Youth Voice. Ms. Mennella brought with her a plastic jar filled with pieces of red paper representing all the promises residents' of Pitman signed to pledge against using drugs. The plastic jar will be sealed and bolted onto the sign as shown in the picture attached to the application. She also mentioned to the board that there is maintenance plan, where someone is at the garden once every two (2) weeks to check and maintain the garden. Mr. Madison stated to the board one of the main concerns for the Historic Commission was if the jar was going to be sealed. Mr. Slenkamp questioned, Ms. Mennella how many times will someone go and collect the promises out of the jar. Ms. Mennella replied that the promises will stay in the jar sealed to symbolize all the residents' that donated to the cause to promote awareness in the community.

A motion was made by Councilman Austin, second by Mr. Lowden to approve Historic application 2016-11. On voice vote: Councilman Austin, Mrs. Hausmann, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Slenkamp, Chairwoman Stech, Mr. Romick

Report from Zoning Officer:

None.

New Use Waiver Committee:

Mrs. Hausmann gave the board her report.

- Application for Mannino's Pizzeria located at the old Merrittes Flowers, 170 S Broadway.
- The applicant is planning on restoring the building and turning it into a wood fire pizzeria.

Economic Development Committee:

None.

Site Plan Committee:

None.

Subdivision Committee:

None.

Master Plan Committee:

Mr. Ryder gave the board his report.

- Met a couple of weeks ago with Mr. Kernan and Elaine Banner.
- Looking into areas around the Borough to focus on.

- Sony property, Armory property
- Working with the Green team
 - Bike trails
 - Light rail
- Asking board members for input to add to the Master Plan and to email them to him.

Mr. Ryder discussed that he likes the idea that the new pizzeria is going to be putting a lot of money out to restore the old Merritt's shop. He said if more business started restoring the buildings, the assessed values will go up for the Borough. Chairwoman Stech stated that a few years ago, the board approved a Borough wide abatement program. Mrs. Kelley said that when applicants go into the construction office to submit permits a copy of the abatement is given out. The board discussed that the abatement program should be promoted more.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Slenkamp gave the board his report.

- No formal meeting this month.
- Still looking for a couple of new members.
- Earth Day will be held on May 14th, same day as the Craft Fair.
- Commission will meet again in April.

Council Report:

Councilman Austin gave the board his report.

- Borough Council approved promoting Sergeant Gregory Owens to Lieutenant.
- Select a design for the new parking lot behind the Municipal and bank building.
 - Design will be going out for quotes.
- The generator contract has been approved and the vendor has been selected.

Other Business:

Mr. Lowden questioned if there is any more news about the resident that was interested in purchasing the bank next store. Councilman Austin said they heard nothing more about it.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Romick, second by Mrs. Kelley. On voice vote: Councilman Austin, Mrs. Hausmann, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Slenkamp, Chairwoman Stech, Mr. Romick

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Vernacchio