

PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Charles Kalemjian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Charles Kalemjian, Bill Flanagan, Sam Matthews, Frank Hogan, Nancy Kane, Richard Jordan and ex-officio member John Marbach.

Absent: Joe Ferry

Also Present: Township Manager Doug Hanley, Building/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke and Zoning Secretary Tara Caputo.

Reorganization: Mr. Kalemjian read a letter from Mr. Ferry stating that he wishes to continue as Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to nominate Joe Ferry for Chairman. Mr. Kalemjian seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to nominate Charles Kalemjian for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Matthews seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to nominate Nancy Kane for Secretary. Mr. Flanagan seconded and the motion was carried.

Minutes: Mr. Flanagan made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008. Mr. Kalemjian seconded and the motion was carried.

BUSINESS:

Gordon Park Association - Billboard - Ordinance 2000-01:

Steve Bayles requested permission to place a billboard along Gordon Park land that borders the Turnpike that would be visible by traffic traversing the Turnpike. He did not present any specifics except that the billboard would be used for advertising businesses located in the Township, but not necessarily those located in Gordon Park. Township Ordinance No. 2000-01 does not currently permit land located on the eastern side of Gordon Park to contain billboards since it was thought that not enough land exists there to allow for placement of a billboard.

Mrs. Kane questioned whether the Ordinance allows one to sell space on a billboard for advertising a business located elsewhere. Mr. Bayles answered that the Ordinance says that any business operating within the Township can be advertised.

Mr. Hanley asked if additional signage on the actual property isn't preferred; somewhere along Route 113? Mr. Cooke stated that the amount of signage on the property is more than what is permitted by Ordinance and along Route 113 is not permitted under Ordinance provisions for billboards.

Since Mr. Bayles could not provide a mock-up of the requested sign which would show design, location and dimensions, he was instructed to contact a sign contractor and return with more information.

No motion was required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 01/08 - Historical Commission - 7:30 p.m. @ Cadwalader House
2. 01/12 - Park & Recreation - 7:30 p.m.
3. 01/12 - Board of Supervisors - 7:30 p.m.

There being no other business, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Cooper