

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG PLANNING BOARD

TRACEE SCHAEFER, CHAIRWOMAN

**Regular Meeting
September 18, 2018
Official Minutes
Adopted October 16, 2018**

Chairwoman Schaefer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Desnoyers, Mr. Ellis, Councilman Sopko, Ms. Pennett, Mayor Pote, Mr. Speeney, Ms. Spingler, and Ms. Joren. Also present were Mr. Frank Linnus, Esq., Board Attorney and Ms. Snyder, Board Clerk. There were 4 members from the public present.

Chairwoman Schaefer indicated that there was a quorum to conduct business and stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Act and proper notification of this meeting has been made. She then led the flag salute to the American flag, and the Board members identified themselves for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Spingler, seconded by Ms. Pennett, the minutes for the August 21, 2018, Regular Meeting were accepted and carried on voice votes.

RESOLUTION

Resolution PB 18-08
Re-development Plan
Approved August 21, 2018

Mr. Speeney asked that the Board be aware that this property cannot have overlay zoning. He spoke with Mr. Albert Cruz, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Mr. Cruz, Esq. said it is a point of law that the property cannot have overlay zoning, and the action of the Board eliminates any prior zoning. This condition is part of COAH. The Board's vote to deem this as an area in need of non-condemnation re-development permanently changes the zoning.

Mr. Desnoyers read the Resolution into the record.

On motion by Mr. Speeney, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board voted to memorialize the Resolution based on the following roll call vote:

blocked by parked cars; noise levels have become excessive; discarded waste has become a hazard to children playing and people walking pets, and there has been increased police presence in these neighborhoods diminishing their resources for other parts of the Borough.

COMMENTS

- a) Board members described a source of short term rental through “house swapping” where homes are traded for other homes in either other countries or other parts of the US. The Board thought this should be addressed seeing that it seems to be prohibited through Section 27 (A)-4
- b) Another comment by Board members was that homes that are rented on a short term basis by professional athletes, etc. who are participating in professional events, i.e. pro golf tournaments should also be addressed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) A recommendation the Board had would be to include a registration process in which a landlord would be responsible for filling out a registration form that would include names of “tenants”, birth dates, SS numbers, copy of driver license and emergency contact info. This is also a recommendation for “long term” rentals.

ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Snyder

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Board Clerk