

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG PLANNING BOARD

TRACEE SCHAEFER, CHAIRWOMAN

**Regular Meeting
August 20, 2019**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
Adopted 10/15/19**

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 Balla, Mr. Speeney, Mr. Pote, Ms. Spingler, Ms. Joren and Mr. Fiorilla. Also present were Frank Linnus, Esq., Board Attorney and Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk. There were 0 members from the public present.

Chairwomen 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 had 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 Mayor Balla, the Regular Meeting minutes for June 18, 2019 were accepted and carried on voice votes.

DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Schaefer welcomed Mr. Ellis back. Mr. Ellis expressed his gratitude to be back and for the Board's support and fruit basket

Chairwoman Schaefer also announced that the BNE (Bonnie Burn Redevelopment) application would begin September 17th. Mr. Linnus, esq. and the professionals were scheduled to have a meeting.

Board member Fiorilla shared an article he had written with the Board. The title of it was "Migratory Patterns: US Population Flying South and West" in which he gave a short summary of the article and how it was relevant to the types of communities younger generations pursue.

Chairwoman Schaefer mentioned that the Master Plan Committee is actively meeting.

Councilman Sopko commended Board member Fiorilla for being given an award with national recognition in his field. Councilman Sopko also shared about a county sponsored workshop he attended that supports the development of bike paths and walking paths within communities creating safe spaces with the possibility of re-stripping roads, buffering and other improvements.

Chairwoman Schaefer announced a county sponsored workshop on September 13th "Creating Vibrant Neighborhoods" and invited any Board members to attend.

ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Snyder
Board Clerk