

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PLANNING BOARD

HELD MARCH 3, 2015 –

7:00PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: Members: Bernhardt, Councilman Jensen,
Mayor Raia, Liva, Richin, Russo, Rogers, and Meisel
Planning Board Attorney: DiBiasi
Planning Board Engineer: Spence

ABSENT: Member Boyajian, Alternate Members Saint and Grossman

SUNSHINE LAW: Mrs. Silverman stated: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1976 has been given."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Liva moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2014. Seconded by Mrs. Rogers Roll Call Vote, AYES Unanimous(All Eligible Voters).

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Ct., suggested that The Borough encourage builders to take pictures before they tear down old homes to help preserve Saddle River's history.

PUBLIC HEARING
SOIL RELOCATION:

The Applicant is EVAN STEELE

The Applicant was represented by: Bruce Whitaker, McDonnell & Whitaker, Counsellors at Law, 245 East Main St., Ramsey, NJ 07446.

The application is to relocate 4,105 cubic yards of soil to construct a single family dwelling and pool at 10 and 14 Bayberry Dr., Block 1402 Lot 46.01 and 46.02. The following waiver was requested by the Applicant: proposed change in grade (exceeds 4' from existing grade) at two select locations in the rear yard. Additionally, the applicant is proposing to consolidate two lots into one lot with a new lot area of 6.05 acres.

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The following professionals were accepted as experts, duly sworn and testified on behalf of the Applicant: Mark Palus, P.E., P.P., Map Engineering, Inc. 170 Kinnelon Rd., Kinnelon, NJ and Brad Meumann, LLA, Meumann Associates, 7 Ledgerock Ct., Morris Plains, NJ.

The Board Engineer, Martin Spence and the Board Landscape Architect, Scott Levy were also duly sworn and offered their expert testimony on behalf of the Board regarding the application.

Members of the Board questioned both the Applicant's experts and the Board's professionals after which a motion was made by Mr. Liva and Seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the application and grant the waivers requested by the Applicant. A roll call vote ensued where the Motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION

ACCESSORY BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS:

Ed Russo, 21 Coltsfoot Glen, said the cupola above the accessory structure he is building exceeds the Borough's maximum height allowed.

Chairman Meisel explained that the Planning Board does not have jurisdiction to give him approval to continue construction.

Members of the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Mayor and Council delete the 17' height restriction allowed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Richini moved the meeting be adjourned; Seconded by Mrs. Bernhardt; Roll Call Vote; AYES Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgia Silverman, Secretary