

**BERGENFIELD PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2022**

Chairman Robert Rivas called the meeting to order at 8:08 P.M.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

In compliances with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Record, Star Ledger, and Cablevision, posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards and published on the borough website.

Any board member having a conflict of interest involving any matter to come before the board this evening is reminded they must recuse himself/herself from participating in any discussion on this matter.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Amatorio, Robert Byrnes, Jr., Councilman Lodato, Robert Rivas, and Jason Bergman

Absent: Romeo Abenoja, Ernie Acosta, Ben Cabrera, and Miguel Vasquez

Also Present: Gloria Oh, Planning Board Attorney and Hilda Tavitian, Planning Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mr. Bergman.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – April 25, 2022

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

All ayes. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilman Lodato stated a letter dated 4/27/22 was received from the Bergen County Soil Conservation District advising the soil sediment and erosion control plan was submitted for property located at 41 Dudley Drive. It was considered and approved. It was sent to the Planning Board for information purposes only. No action needs to be taken.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any resident may comment or question any subject not on the agenda.

No one came forward.

Motion to Close Verbal Communication

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

All ayes. None opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Site Plan – No report

2. Parking Legal – Mayor Amatorio stated the borough secured additional parking spots at Staples for borough workers and the public to park during the construction. There already are additional spots at Stop & Shop. They will designate some portions of the street on Phelps Avenue and Merritt Avenue for the construction workers when work becomes full blown during the daytime.
3. Capital Improvements – Mayor Amatorio stated the borough is introducing tomorrow a ordinance to start work at Vivyen Park at Twin Boro Field and set aside funds for the cleaning of the brooks. Mayor Amatorio stated 2-3 years ago a \$2 million grant was obtained for the turf field at Twin Boro Park. The regional estimate was \$3.2 million and the bid results came back with \$4.6 million being the lowest bid. They will be able to bond the remaining amount that is sufficient for a number of years.
4. Master Plan – No report
5. Liaison to Board of Adjustment – Councilman Lodato stated he missed the last meeting but the hearing for Dunkin Donuts is still going on. Board member Bergman stated Dunkin Donuts was heard for about an hour and carried to next month’s meeting. The board tried to schedule a special meeting but were not able to agree on a date. There were a couple of residential applications approved with simple, minor changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolutions: Area A through Area F – Areas in Need of Redevelopment

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

Mayor Amatorio	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Romeo Abenoja	<i>absent</i>
Mr. Robert Byrnes Jr.	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Jason Bergman	<i>yes</i>
Councilman Lodato	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Ben Cabrera	<i>absent</i>
Chairman Rivas	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Miguel Vasquez	<i>absent</i>
Mr. Ernesto Acosta	<i>absent</i>		

Area G – Area in Need of Redevelopment

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

Mayor Amatorio	<i>(absent at 3/21/22 mtg)</i>	Mr. Romeo Abenoja	<i>absent</i>
Mr. Robert Byrnes Jr.	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Jason Bergman	<i>yes</i>
Councilman Lodato	<i>no</i>	Mr. Ben Cabrera	<i>absent</i>
Chairman Rivas	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Miguel Vasquez	<i>absent</i>
Mr. Ernesto Acosta	<i>absent</i>		

Area H – Area in Need of Redevelopment

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

Mayor Amatorio	<i>(absent at 3/21/22 mtg)</i>	Mr. Romeo Abenoja	<i>absent</i>
Mr. Robert Byrnes Jr.	<i>yes</i>	Mr. Jason Bergman	<i>yes</i>

Councilman Lodato *yes*
Chairman Rivas *yes*
Mr. Ernesto Acosta *absent*

Mr. Ben Cabrera *absent*
Mr. Miguel Vasquez *absent*

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion By: Mr. Bergman

Second By: Mr. Byrnes, Jr.

All ayes. None opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilda Tavitian, Clerk
Planning Board