

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday,
August 27th, 2020
8:00 P.M.

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Councilwoman Amitai, “Acting” Chair called the **Zoom Virtual** Meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on August 27th, 2020 to order at 8:47 PM. *(Delay to start of meeting was due to technical difficulties). She stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey and had been advertised in the newspaper according to law. She advised that the Board adheres to a twelve o’clock midnight curfew and no new matters would be considered after 11:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Amitai invited all persons present to join the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Planning Board members and professional persons were present at the meeting:

Mayor Glidden
Councilwoman Amitai
Ms. Heymann- (present, but had difficulties with audio)
Dr. Barad
Ms. Ferullo-(Alt#1)
Mr. Wong- (Alt # 2)
Mr. King- Board Attorney
Mr. DeNicola-, Boswell Engineering
Rose Mitchell, Planning Board Coordinator

The following Planning Board members and professional persons were absent from the meeting:

Dr. Maddaloni- (Chair)
Mr. Pialtos-(Vice-Chair)
Ms. Brewster
Mr. DiDio
Ms. Batool

Councilwoman Amitai read correspondence list. There were no comments regarding mentioned.

Item # 1

Block 2002, Lot 8
93 Piermont Road
Application # P-2020-05

Applicant: Ilesh Patel
Attorney: Stephen Sinisi, Esq.

Mr. Sinisi spoke of soil movement application & stated that the applicant would have a sidewalk & curb installed (*At the work session, it was mentioned that applicant may request waiver). Mr. King swore in Mr. Koestner of 61 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ. Mr. Koestner spoke of his professional background. The Board accepted his credentials. Mr. Koestner spoke of revised plan submitted. (dated thru August 12th, 2020). The soil movement application was marked as A-1 & the revised plan spoken of was marked as A-2. Mr. Koestner stated that revised plans do

comply with Mr. DeNicola's review letter. He also stated that approval from soil conservation should be received very soon. Mr. Koestner spoke of trees, commenting on the 9 replacement trees added to plan as per the tree report requirement. He also spoke of the retaining wall with fence. Mr. Sinisi asked Mr. Koestner to speak of drainage and swale details. Mr. Koestner responded. Mr. Sinisi spoke of curbs & sidewalks. Mr. Koestner confirmed that the applicant will install mentioned. Mr. Koestner spoke of the amount of soil to be removed & amount that would remain on site; commenting also on tree protection. Ms. Ferullo asked for clarification regarding curb/sidewalk installation. Mr. Sinisi responded. Ms. Ferullo & Councilwoman Amitai spoke of trees & drainage. Mayor Glidden complimented Mr. Sinisi on his organization regarding this application. Mayor spoke of the background regarding this property & area. Mrs. Herling of 20 Harvard spoke of her concerns regarding visibility. Mr. King stated that this portion of the meeting was for questions. Mr. King swore in Mr. & Mrs. Herling. Mrs. Herling asked about size of trees. Mr. Koestner responded stating that the proposed tree plantings should not affect visibility. Mr. Herling asked about sidewalk, suggesting length. Mr. DeNicola responded, stating that mentioned is not the applicant's responsibility. Councilwoman Amitai asked about location of tree planting. Mr. Koestner responded. Ms. Ferullo stated that she understood Mr. & Mrs. Herling's concerns & suggested relocation of tree. Ms. Inamdar of 2 Harvard Street expressed her concern regarding unhealthy trees & poison ivy. Mr. Koestner responded, stating that a neighbor has the right to trim whatever falls on their property side. Mr. King suggested that the property owners meet & further discuss. Mr. King swore in Mr. Patel (H/O). Mr. Patel stated that he would be willing to do some trimming & pruning of trees. It was stated that trees along Piermont Road must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from curb. Motion was made by Mayor Glidden and seconded by Dr. Barad to approve application with mentioned stipulations. All present were in favor of approval.

Motion was made by Mayor Glidden & seconded by Dr. Barad to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38PM.