

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Work Session (Virtual) Meeting
Wednesday,
May 5th, 2021
8:00 P.M.

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Dr. Maddaloni called the Meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Thursday, April 29th, 2021 to order at 8:00 PM. He 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. He advised that the Board adheres to a twelve o'clock midnight curfew and no new matters would be considered after 11:00 PM

Dr. Maddaloni 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:

Dr. Maddaloni (Chair)
Mayor Glidden
Councilwoman Amitai
Mr. Paltos- (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Heymann
Dr. Barad- 8:03PM
Ms. Brewster
Mr. DiDio
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:

Ms. Batool

Mr. Paltos asked the Board to take time for a moment of silence for the fallen NYPD highway patrol officer; he was recently killed by a drunk driver. The Board took a moment of silence out of respect for mentioned officer. Mr. Paltos stated

that he was a friend of his family for over 40 years. Mayor Glidden also took time to compliment the Borough's Police Officers.

There was no correspondence list at this time.

Motion was made by Ms. Heymann & seconded by Dr. Barad to approve minutes of 04-07-21. All present were in favor of approval (Zoning "changes" was revised to Zoning "regulations")

Open to the Public: No comments at this time.

1- Old Business

Follow-Up Regarding Borough Ordinance pertaining to Tree Removal- (Ordinance # 2019-1266): No further comments at this time.

Follow-Up Regarding Recommendation of Possible Zoning Regulations based on previous Board Discussion: Ms. Heymann stated that the subcommittee has continued to meet.

Councilwoman Amitai spoke of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

2 -Continued Discussion regarding Ordinance # 2021:1279 as per the request of the Borough Attorney: (Correspondence dated April 16th, requesting report back from the PB within 35 days): Dr. Maddaloni stated he wanted to give a presentation regarding this matter (Cannabis Industry). Dr. Maddaloni shared his screen to present subject. *There was an issue with hearing the slides being presented. Dr. Maddaloni continued to discuss. Mr. King spoke of the statute regarding this ordinance. The Board further discussed this ordinance. Dr. Barad commented on the importance of control over the allowance of cannabis. Dr. Maddaloni commented on same speaking of regulation. Board members continued to discuss. Mr. Paltos referred to page 8, # 5 of the 2019 Master Plan Examination. Mr. King reminded the Board that the Board's role is to vote on whether or not this ordinance is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan. Ms. Ferullo spoke of how she believes this fits in with the Master Plan. Councilwoman Amitai also spoke of the 2019 Master Plan Reexamination. Councilwoman Amitai also stated that she spoke to both the Borough Planner & Mr. Rogan regarding this matter. Ms. Heymann stated that she would like to offer a motion in regards to the PB making no recommendation due to this subject not being part of the Master Plan. Mr. King reminded the Board of what their role was. After further discussion by the Board,

Motion was made by Dr. Barad & seconded by Ms. Heymann to report back to the Mayor & Council recommending that this ordinance is consistent with the current Master Plan. All present were in favor.

3- New Business:
No Comments

Mayor Glidden spoke of the recent Anti-Asian hate rally that recently took place; stating that he was proud of Closter for putting it on.

Mayor also spoke of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade; stating he would like the PB to be involved; with its own float. The Board also discussed the success of the recent town clean-up day. Ms. Ferullo spoke of the upcoming USA Patriot event

Motion was made by Dr. Barad & seconded by Councilwoman Amitai to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM.