

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
September 25, 2017**

The Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Lombardi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Lombardi,, Sendelsky and Shah.

Councilmember Gomez was absent.

Councilmember Patil entered at 6:21pm.

Council President Lombardi asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the hurricanes and Chief Latham Mom passed away.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Police Captain Shannon and Cameraman Cologna.

The Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on December 30, 2016 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, follow up on water problem on Safran Avenue. She asked if we could look at the blind spot on Grandview before bridge corner of Harmon. The Farmers Market will continue until the last week of November. She asked for explanation on Items b & c Business Administrator.

Council President Lombardi, explained the grants.

Township Engineer O'Brien reported he is looking to get it fixed before winter. He will look at Grandview and Harmon and talk to police department. He also explained the grant from the NJDOT are for future paving .

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said thank you for the Fall Festival it was the best one we have had. The Township did a great job. She had questions on the tax appeals items regarding Mr. Bartonek's properties. Did this have anything to do with the court decision?

Ms. Ruane will get her the information on the tax court appeals.

Mr. Northgrave explained the court decision and that has nothing to do with the tax appeal.

Council President Lombardi, a tax appeal is a separate action.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, asked what is the plan to redo Amboy Avenue regarding the paving. They took out the bricks on the corner of Barton and Amboy Avenue and replaced the bricks with concrete.

Mr. O'Brien, Township Engineer, will reach out to the NJDOT engineer about your concerns.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, another point of light yesterday Walt Stochel had about 30-40 people on his walk. He thanked Walter for these ECO tours. .

Hearing no further comments, this public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky seconded by Councilmember Patil , with all in favor.

5. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, reported the Environmental Commission has great things happening. Scheduled clean up for October 14th there will be one at Edison Boat Basin. He is communicating with the High Schools to get involved. He also thanked the Administration for their cooperation with the Beautification Committee.

6. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi, he is proud to be part of a Township who cares for other people. The administration is organizing a program entitled “Edison Eats for Relief” for hurricane victims. Hope many of our businesses participate. The details are on our Website. This past Saturday was our Fall Festival the best we have seen. He thanked all the departments for their work in making this great event happen. There is an Art Opening on the 3rd floor at 6:30pm on September 28th, also we will be having our Public Meeting on creations of the New Community Center on September 28th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Council Chambers also on Saturday, September 30th at Lake Papapanni the Dushara Festival.

Councilmember Sendelsky, Edison Tower is doing an Archeological Dig on Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. He also commented the Edison Fall festival was a great family day event.

Council President Lombardi, announced Congrats to Councilmember Coyle on being a Grandpa.

Councilmember Coyle, thanked the administration and all for coming out for the memorial for Frank Papaipanni. He also thanked our Department of Public works and Recreation for cleaning up.

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through c. No comments were made.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. through c. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. through e. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comment was made.

13. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:
a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:
a. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:
a. No comment was made.

16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky report as follows:

Edison Township Regular Planning Board Meeting of September 18, 2017

The Following resolutions were approved unanimously:
#P5190 Tony & Sons Builders 9 Plaza Place, (Minor Subdivision)
#P10-2017 First Tee New York , Inc. Plainfield Country Club
#P5188 A T & T Ferraro - Compton Avenue,(Minor Subdivision)

There was one Final, Case #P18-2016 Mocci /Inman Plaza- it was unanimously approved.

Case #5179 Realty Construction Management- 39 Madison Avenue a minor subdivision Block 738.A Lots 13-16. It was a proposal to demolish a single family home and build two new single family homes. Variances were requested for lot width and lot area. The application was held over from the previous meeting to provide the board with data of non conforming lots in the surrounding neighborhood. The applicant presented a map of the homes within a 200 foot radius and 84.9% of the lots are 50 foot in width and less than 75 feet wide. A motion was made and seconded and was approved unanimously with the following conditions: subject to our engineer and planner's reports and if there are any changes to the site plan they will have to come back before the board.

The first new case was #P5192 Fox and Foxx 4 Reider road (Minor Subdivision) Block 52.A Lot 21 was a proposal to demolish an existing single family home and build two new single family homes . Variances were requested for lot area and lot depth. The applicant proposed lots of 7,000 sf versus 7,500 sf required and widths of 70 feet versus 75 feet required. The applicant stated that the houses will sell for \$650,000. The square footage for the house in lot 21.02 will be 2,665 sf and 2,200 sf for lot 21.01. Within a 200 foot radius 45% of the lots are non-conforming, within a 300 foot radius 41% of the lots are non-conforming and within a 500 foot radius 46% of the lots are non-conforming. The applicant stated that they will comply with the engineer and planner's report. A motion was made and seconded and was approved unanimously subject to conforming with the engineer's and planner's report and if there are any changes to the site plan they will come back before the board.

The next case was #P8-2017 Northeast Foods- 1 Gourmet Lane Preliminary and Final. Block 100.A Lot 32C-5. A proposal to construct a freezer building addition to an existing warehouse. It is a 7 day a week 24 hour per day operation and there will be no additional employees. The warehouse services McDonald's restaurants in the area. The addition requested will be 7,260 sf to an existing warehouse building that is 141,000 sf at the present time and is an L shaped building. The existing building is in the LI Zone. The engineer stated that since they are disturbing less than 1 acre it is not a major site plan. A separate lighting plan will be submitted to our planner and engineer that will bring the site lighting up to current code and the applicant agreed to remove all shipping containers from the site in accordance with our ordinance and comply with our engineer and planners report. A motion was made and seconded and the application was unanimously approved.

Case was #P9-01/02 Amended resolution for Shopping Center Associates (Nordstrom's). The applicant wants to utilize a portion of the third floor of Nordstrom's that they were precluded from using for retail sales when Barnes and Noble and Cheesecake Factory originally moved in to the Menlo Park shopping center. The applicant now wants to use the third floor for "Back house operations" 40,000 sf of the 60,000 square feet. The 60,000 square feet is in the "prohibited area". The original approval stated that if they ever wanted to use this area that they would have to come back before the planning board for approval. The applicant stated that "back house operations" were as follows: internet sales, distribution of goods, deliveries or on line sales and returns, hold goods for purchase and staging. John Olsen from Nordstrom's testified that this would be a non-retail use and was necessary for them to remain competitive in the marketplace. He also stated that there would only be a few additional employees possibly 5 or 6 added to this operation and it would depend on how successful this new operation would be. A motion was made and seconded and was approved unanimously to allow Nordstrom's to use 40,000 sf for this purpose.

The final case was #P5191 Asit Govil - 51 Lahere Avenue, Minor subdivision. Block 104S Lots 5 & 6. The proposal was to retain the existing house and demolish the existing garage and construct one new single family home. Variances were requested for Lot area and side yard. The lot area variance was de minimus. The applicant also agreed to re-locate the driveway for the new home as well as comply with our engineer and planner's reports as well as adhering to the subdivision plan. A motion was made and seconded and the application was approved.

A resident that lives at 120 Crestwood Avenue came up to the podium under new business and said that they wanted to know if PSE&G was going to be doing additional building of towers close to their home because he had seen several workmen in the area. The planning board secretary said that she would look into this and get back to him.

The next planning board meeting will be **Monday October 16, 2017**.

Respectfully Submitted: Councilman Leonard D. Sendelsky

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL
ADOPTION:**

O. 1989-2017 No comments were made.

18. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

a. None

Councilmember Coyle:

a. He has scheduled a meeting regarding snow with Mr. Russomanno on October 11th.

Councilmember Diehl

a. None

Councilmember Gomez:

a. Absent

Councilmember Patil:

a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He asked about the property on Dartmouth that is overgrown.

Mr. Elliot, it has been cited along with Glen Court.

Councilmember Shah

- a. She asked for a report from Councilmember Coyle on the Hurricane Victims.

Councilmember Coyle went to Houston, Texas. The operations were really good to see all different organizations coming together.

Council President Lombardi added we have sent three Firefighters to Texas and three to Florida to help in the operations.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Diehl , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk