

BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD
77 Summerhill Road
Spotswood, New Jersey

Planning Board
April 3, 2018
7:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Spotswood was called to order by Charles McCook at the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the new schedule of meetings of the Spotswood Planning Board on December 20, 2017. The new schedule was transmitted to The Home News Tribune and the East Brunswick Sentinel; it was filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Spotswood and posted in the Spotswood Municipal Building, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ.

The following Planning Board Members and Professionals were present at the meeting:

Mayor Edward Seely, Business Administrator Dawn McDonald, Councilman Curtis Stollen, Charles McCook, James Farley, Vincent Davis, James Kinneally, Esq.

The following Planning Board Members and Professionals were absent from the meeting:

Larry Kraemer, Dan Auciello, Mark Koppel, Richard Williamson, Andy Mashanski Zoning Officer and Bruce M. Koch, P.P., P.E, C.M.E.

Note: There are four alternate positions (#1, #2, #3 & #4) vacant on the Board roster.

APPLICATIONS

Leaver, Thomas & Mary
14 Fernhead Avenue
Block 110.18, Lot 13

Bulk variance; Pool

Thomas Leaver was sworn in by Attorney Kinneally and gave testimony. Mr. Leaver filed an application for a variance to permit installation of a 16’ above ground pool that would encroach into the front yard setback; applicant’s proposed 16’ above ground pool would encroach front yard corner lot of Fernhead and Spruce.

Mr. Leaver states they are requesting to install a 16’ above ground pool closer to the sidewalk on the southwestern side of the house, closest to Spruce Street. The purpose is to give the back yard more room for their young children.

Attorney Kinneally explains the hardship stating that Mr. Leavers’ residence is on the corner lot of Fernhead Ave and Spruce Street and that the pool would technically be in the front yard.

Mr. McCook made a motion to open the meeting for public comment, all present were in favor.

There were no public comments and no one from the public in attendance.

Attorney Kinneally explains that motion must be open to the public even though no one is present and that this proceeding is being recorded for future reference.

Mr. Stollen made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McCook. All present were in favor, and the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Stollen comments if there was a pool located there in the past. Mr. Leaver states “no” but then recants stating that he had one of those pop-up pools that are not recommended to stay up once the weather gets cold.

A motion to approve the application for the pool within the front yard setback was made by Mr. Stollen, which was seconded by Mayor Seely. All present were in favor.

Mr. Kinneally advised Mr. Leaver that the matter will be memorialized at the next Planning Board Meeting, and a copy of the Resolution will be mailed to them.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. McCook			X			
Mr. Kraemer						X
Mayor Seely		X	X			
Ms. McDonald			X			
Mr. Stollen	X		X			
Mr. Davis			X			
Mr. Farley			X			
Mr. Koppel						X
Mr. Williamson						X
Mr. Auciello						X

MINUTES – A motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 reorganizational meeting was presented by Mr. McCook and seconded by Mr. Stollen. February 6, 2018 meeting minutes were moved by Mr. McCook and seconded by Ms. McDonald. All present were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers were circulated to the Board. Mr. Stollen moved that the vouchers be approved for payment. Ms. McDonald seconded the motion. All present were in favor, and the vouchers were approved for payment.

MEMORIALIZATION

Bulk Variance: Fence

**Moschella, David and Angela
42 Kopak Way
Block 102.3, Lot 2**

The above resolution was circulated and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Stollen, which was seconded by Mr. McCook. A roll call vote was taken; all eligible members were in agreement.

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Mr. McCook		X	X			
Mr. Kraemer						X
Mayor Seely			X			
Ms. McDonald			X			
Mr. Stollen	X		X			
Mr. Davis						X
Mr. Farley			X			
Mr. Koppel						X
Mr. Williamson						X
Mr. Auciello						X

CORRESPONDENCE

Prior to the meeting, members received copies of correspondence for their review and comment. Correspondence did not need acted on and was for informational purposes only.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board did not have any other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business before the Board, Mr. Stollen moved that this meeting be adjourned. Mr. McCook seconded the motion. All present were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

Location: Court Room, 77 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, NJ

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Carlson

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Board Secretary

Approved at meeting held on:
June 19, 2018