

Minutes of the Fairfield Township Planning Board Regular meeting held at the Municipal Hall in Fairton on April 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, it was advised that the meeting was being electronically recorded in accordance with the open public meeting act and that anyone wishing to speak must stand, state his or her name and address, in a clear tone of voice.

All joined in the flag salute.

SYNOPSIS:

Attendance:

Cliff Hester	Class IV
Marion Kennedy	Class III
Joseph Pierce Jr.	Class IV
Brian Davis	Class IV
Michael Peterson	Class IV
Robert Gibbons	Class IV
Alex Byrd	Class IV
Urie Ridgway	
Bronx Nock	
John DeSimone,	Solicitor
Robert Mulford	Engineer
Kathi Burno	Recording Secretary

Absent

Ben Byrd Sr.
Thomas Bragg
Eli Webster,
Marcus Fortune,

MINUTES

Minutes of March 8, 2022

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Byrd to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022.

Voice vote was as follow:

Cliff Hester	Yes	
Marion Kennedy	Yes	
Joseph Pierce Jr.		Abstain
Brian Davis	Yes	
Michael Peterson	Yes	
Robert Gibbons	Yes	

Alex Byrd Yes
Urie Ridgeway Abstain
Bronx Nock Yes

FIREWOOD ORDINANCE

Mr. Kennedy stated that the subcommittee have made some substantial gains on it, they would like to table it for further research and investigation.

All was in favor none opposed

NEW BUSINESS

NANTICOKE LENNI LANAPE TRIBAL NATION

Use Variance Block 44 Lot 7
75 Westcott Station Rd.
Harry Jackson, Attorney

The green cards and certification of publication was not with the application.

The application was found incomplete until the articles is turned over to the office.

Mr. DeSimone stated that the Board hear the application, conditioned upon receiving the green cards and the certification of publication, provided that, there is no objection between now and the next meeting; If approved, we can memorialize the resolution, subject to having received the green cards and the certificate of publication.

The board can open it back up to the public to give an opportunity to any public. Vote on it and memorialize it.

Mr. Jackson, partner with Fox Rothchild of Atlantic City and he is also a councilman of the Lennie Lenape tribe and has been since birth. His parents and grandparents were part of its governance, of the tribe.

They are here to request a use variance at 75 Westcott station Road, the tribe would like to convert the existing pole barn to a culture museum. They envision to open to the public to display their tribal artifacts, share their history. They came up with a name Achim wit "A living thing telling history "They want to invite school groups from around the state & Pennsylvania. The tribe is a fusion between two different tribes, the Nanticoke, and the Lenni Lenape. They govern themselves; you must show family history to belong, and they are active in the community. They have outgrown a small store front in Bridgeton and need bigger space.

Technical Review: Bob Mulford, Engineer

The engineer recommends, based on the survey and the architectural plans provided, and testimony, outside of the certification for publication, he would recommend that the Board deem the application as complete.

Tyrone Ellis, Program coordinator/economic development.

The idea is to bring the public to the tribe, perform in middle of day for schools, it's sort of a performing Arts Center. Its an 80 x 40 pole barn they will be fitting out.

Urie Ridgway, 36 Sayers Neck, Councilmen of the Tribal Nation

The green cards were sent out. The purpose with the facility, they will submit a site plan to introduce parking. The building is currently a vacant building with minor storage.

Mr. Jackson:

Positive criteria: It's going to improve upon the zone plan and zoning ordinance as to what the facility is used for, it's a culture museum and it's for the benefit of the community. It will enhance the use of the property.

Negative impact:

The existing facility is now just an empty shell we are using it for some light storage for some of their equipment. To change the use to a culture museum you are not going to see a major impact to the area. They will be doing some clearing for the parking area. It is not new construction; they are not clearing anything out of the way to build the museum, they are just converting. It's not increasing in size. Special reason exists, and the negative impact has been addressed, that they are improving anything that may be of negative impact, there's no impairment in the zoning, and it does not change use.

Sworn in:

The application was heard, testimonies was given by Tyrone Ellis, Architect, Urie Ridgway, councilman, and Harry Jackson, attorney and councilman of the Lennie Lenape, tribal nation.

Planning Board member statements:

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Byrd & Mr. Hester all agree that it would only enhance the township.

With no further comments from the Board

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Joseph Pierce to open to the public.

All was in favor none opposed

Nancy Ridgway is in support of the application she said that it was also published in the newspaper.

With no other public to be heard a motion was made by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Kennedy to close.

All was in favor none oppose

Mr. DeSimone:

There has been testimony, by the public, that it was published, and he want to make sure that there was no further public testimony, that there was no objection and or agreement to the applicants proposed project. They had an opportunity to step up and object, they had a reason to step forward and no one did.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy that the application be granted to the applicant, subject to the receipt of the green cards and the acknowledgement that it was published; that there was no objection at tonight's meeting. Upon the proof of production of the green cards that the application is deem complete, and subject to the compliance of the technical review letter, provided by the Fralinger engineer, that the application be granted, and the approval be given for the museum that has been proposed before the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Voice vote was as follows:

Cliff Hester	Yes
Marion Kennedy	Yes
Joseph Pierce Jr.	Yes
Brian Davis	Yes
Michael Peterson	Yes
Robert Gibbons	Yes
Alex Byrd	Yes
Bronx Knock	Yes

Liability Training

Notice from the insurance company for Planning Board training. There is a possibility to receive some insurance rated consideration, for new Planning Board members. The training is offered via virtually.

The Secretary will send out the link for the training Board.

Once the new members have completed the training contact the Planning Board Secretary.

PUBLIC

A motion was made by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Ridgway to open to the public.

With no public concerns a motion was made and seconded to close the public.

All was in favor none opposed

Masterplan:

Masterplan recommendation to the Township Committee to review the Masterplan, as to zoning, any amendments, anything that may need codification.

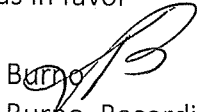
A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Byrd to make the recommendation.

Voice vote was as follows:

Cliff Hester	Yes
Marion Kennedy	Yes
Joseph Pierce Jr.	Yes
Brian Davis	Yes

Michael Peterson Yes
Robert Gibbons Yes
Alex Byrd Yes
Bronx Knock Yes

With no public comments or Board business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.
All was in favor


Kathi Burno
Kathi Burno, Recording Secretary
Next meeting, June 14, 2022 at 7:00pm

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