

RARITAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

January 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jeffrey Kuhl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Chairman Jeffrey Kuhl

Mayor Michael Mangin

Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert

Edward Gettings

Judi DiGiandomenico

James Miller, Alternate

Scott MacDade, Alternate

Members Absent:

Vice Chairwoman Donna Drewes

Michelle Cavalchire

3. ALSO PRESENT:

Antoine Hajjar, Township Engineer

4. MINUTES: None.

5. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

6. **CITIZENS PRIVILEGE:** None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

9. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Jeffrey Kuhl continued the ongoing sign ordinance conversation by discussing the Board's current plan of action and how to present recommendations to the Township Committee. The Portable Advertisement Signs ordinance for the Township of Sparta was presented and members took turns voicing their approval. Dialogue then turned to other different types of signs in the Township and Judi DiGiandomenico brought up the point that all of these specific sign guidelines must comply under a general sign ordinance.

A summary created by Secretary Amy Fleming of previous sign ordinance discussions was reviewed and a portion of the Township's current sign ordinance was deliberated with edits being proposed by Board members.

With respect to feather signs, the Board agreed that one feather sign per lot should be permitted, unless the lot is multi-use in which case one feather sign every fifty feet could be allowed. The feather signs should not be tattered or worn and will only be allowed temporarily during special events. A discussion ensued on whether the feather sign would have to be removed on a nightly basis, with the Board agreeing that the sign could remain standing all hours during the duration of the four to six weeks.

Other types of signs such as strip-mall entrance signs, temporary "now-hiring" signs, and signs attached to moving vehicles were also discussed during this segment of the meeting with respect to sign size and number of signs allowed on lots.

In conclusion, the Board agreed that all notes and discussions be summarized and presented to the Township Committee before the next meeting.

10. COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

(a) Chairman's Report:

The Chairman thanked Amy Fleming for summarizing and organizing the notes that were discussed pertaining to the Sign Ordinance.

(b) The Board's Comments:

Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert stated that she had officially been sworn in.

(c) Engineer's Comments: None.

(d) Planner's Comments: None.

(e) Attorney's Comments: None.

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

The February 14th meeting could possibly be adjourned and the next meeting will then be February 28, 2018.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Amy Fleming

Planning Board Secretary