

**TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE
JOINT PLANNING BOARD
July 29, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Final

ADEQUATE NOTICE STATEMENT:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers and notice is posted at the River Vale Municipal Office.

The Planning Board saluted the flag.

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ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Robert Fortsch	(8:00)
Scott Lippert	Chairman
Gregory Lowe	
Matthew Ross	
Robert Adamo	
Peter Wayne	
John Donovan	Councilman

Also Present:

Marc Leibman	Board Attorney
Christopher Statile	Board Engineer
Maria Haag	Land Use Administrator
Caroline Reiter	Planner

Absent: Glen Jasionowski Class I-Mayor
Susan Vaccaro
John Puccio

The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

Mr. Leibman, Board Attorney opened the meeting stating that it is in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, published electronically and in accordance with law.

Robert Fortsch and Susan Vaccaro had difficulty entering the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Fullam - 180 Doretta Street Block 2206.01 Lot 4 -
Fence/Corner Lot

A motion by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Wayne to adopt the resolution; on roll call vote, all those eligible voted yes, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Ms. Reiter reported that we are in the process of preparing a new Open Space and Recreation Plan for River Vale Township. The document will be reviewed by the Board, adopted at a Public Meeting and become part of the Master Plan. It is part of Green Acres Funding which the Township has received. She referred to a map that she provided to the members showing all the Township parks and recreation. The Board of Education is not part of the map. Ms. Reiter reviewed Green Acres requirements for the plan. A member of the public joined the meeting.

The map shows: (Passive and Active Review)

- River Vale Memorial Park
- Rangers Field
- Grove
- Popular Road Park
- River Vale Country Club

Mr. Lippert asked what the next steps are. Ms. Reiter responded another public information session.

Mr. Fortsch joined the meeting. Ms. Reiter reviewed her report on the Open Space and Recreation Plan for his benefit. Mr. Fortsch asked about a section on the map near Park Ridge. Ms. Reiter responded that is about 12 acres of passive recreation. She spoke about passive and active recreation. Mr. Wayne asked about bikeways and any other improvements. Schools have an agreement to use fields will the town be able to use them. Ms. Reiter responded yes, this agreement will be included.

Councilman Donovan on behalf of the person from the public who was no longer on the meeting but attended a Mayor and Council meeting would like to see additional ball fields.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

Front Yard Setbacks in Residential District - First Reading
Consistency Review

Ordinance 370-2020 - Front Yard Setback

The Governing Body referred the ordinance to the Joint Planning Board. She prepared a memo on July 28, 2020 addressed to the Joint Planning Board. The proposed ordinance is consistent with the Townships 2006 Master Plan and has been discussed by the members at past meetings. The ordinance revises the front yard setback requirements for residential zone districts. It removes the averaging computation for front yard setback. The revisions include a discount on the front yard setback requirement for corner lots; the secondary front yard requirement is reduced when the front yard setback complies along the other frontage.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with the Township's 2011 Reexamination Report. Mr. Wayne asked if it can be distinguished as to which is the primary and which is the secondary frontage. Ms. Reiter responded that some towns do that but ultimately it is a Council decision. Councilman Donovan commented that the Council is waiting for comments from this Board.

Board Attorney Leibman asked that Ms. Reiter draft primary and secondary frontage recommendations and that they be added to the ordinance.

A motion by Mr. Adamo seconded by Mr. Wayne in agreement to add definitions as recommended; on roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

The Governing Body will be advised that the Board considered the ordinance but requires additional time and will have additional comments.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Fortsch commented that there is bad reception in River Vale and we should revisit placing a cell tower at the Golf Course. Mr. Leibman will request a study. Mr. Statile advised that we have two cell towers at the DPW and we have been looking for another location.

MINUTES

June 24, 2020

A motion by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Councilman Donovan to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020; on roll call vote, all those eligible voted yes, the motion carried.

Mr. Lippert Opened the Meeting to the Public

No Public Comment

The meeting was closed to the public.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski
Recording Secretary