

HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING BOARD
Highland Park Borough Hall-Council Chambers
221 So. 5th Ave.
Highland Park, NJ 08904
MEETING DATE - January 13, 2022 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM

Call to Order

The Reorganization Meeting of the Highland Park Planning Board was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by Rebecca Hand 7:30. Ms. Hand indicated this meeting was sent to the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, and the Highland Park Planet on January 29, 2021, and was posted on Borough website at www.hpboro.com and on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall, 221 So. Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ on January 11, 2022, and has remained continuously posted as required by law. Ms. Hand indicated that the Borough was using the Zoom meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to Covid-19, as part of the Borough's on-going effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming the treatment centers. The public was invited to attend and participate by way of a call-in number and password. By Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet: <https://zoom.us/j/95284373724>, Dial in: 1-929-205-6099, Webinar Id: 952 8437 3724

Ms. Hand noted the Board said goodbye to the long-term Planning Board chair, Kim Hammond, Vice Chair Alan Kluger, and member Steve Nolan, all of whom have served the board for many years. Mr. Nolan has been a member of the Board for 8 years, Ms. Hammond was a member for 17 years, and Mr. Kluger was a member for 21 years. All of them will be greatly missed. We really appreciate their dedication and all the effort they put into our Board and serving the town. They were role models for what it was to be a Planning Board Member, we learned a tremendous amount from them and will all miss them.

Mr. Thomas swore-in the following Board Members: Alvin Chin, Daniel Stern Cardinale, Scott Brescher, Khalidra Hadhazy, Padriac Millet, Jeffrey Perlman, Allan Williams.

Roll Call

Present	Rebecca Hand, Scott Brescher, Alvin Chin, Khalidra Hadhazy, Matthew Hale, Padraic Millet, Jeffrey Perlman, Daniel Stern Cardinale, Allan Williams
Absent	Paul Lanaris
<u>Board Professionals</u>	Roger Thomas, Esq., Chris Cosenza, Planner, Bruce Koch, Borough Engineer

Selection of Officers

Election of Chairperson: Mr. Thomas called for a nomination for Chairperson. Mr. Perlman nominated Ms. Hand with a second by Mr. Millet and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

Ayes	Brescher, Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Millet, Perlman, Williams, Hand
Nays	None
Abstain	Stern Cardinale
Absent	Lanaris

Rebecca Hand was unanimously chosen to serve as Chairperson.

Ms. Hand accepted the position as Chairperson for the Planning Board and resumed the meeting in that capacity.

Election of Vice-Chairman and Secretary: Ms. Hand nominated Mr. Millet as Vice Chairperson, with a second by Mr. Williams and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

Ayes	Brescher, Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Millet, Perlman, Williams, Hand
Nays	None
Abstain	Stern Cardinale
Absent	Lanaris

Motion Approved.

Ms. Hand nominated Mr. Williams as Secretary with a second by Mr. Millet, and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

Ayes	Brescher, Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Millet, Perlman, Williams, Hand
Nays	None
Abstain	Stern Cardinale
Absent	Lanaris

Motion Approved.

Appointment of Professionals and Staff

Board Attorneys, Board Planner, Board Engineer

Ms. Hand made a motion to appoint Roger Thomas as Board Attorney, LRK Jim Constantine/Chris Cosenza as Board Planner, Bruce Koch as Board Engineer, and Jennifer Santiago as Board Clerk. Mr. Millet seconded the motion.

Roll call

Ayes	Brescher, Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Millet, Perlman, Williams, Hand
Nays	None
Abstain	Stern Cardinale
Absent	Lanaris

Motion Approved.

Setting of 2022 Meeting Dates and designation of 2022 Official newspaper(s): Home News, Star Ledger and Highland Park Planet:

Ms. Hand read the 2022 dates into the record:

There was a motion from Mr. Chin with a second from Mr. Perlman to approve the Planning Board meeting dates for 2022 as the following January 13, 2022, February 10, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 14, 2022, May 12, 2022, June 9, 2022, July 14, 2022, August 11, 2022, September 8, 2022, October 13, 2022, November 10, 2022, December 8, 2022 and January 12, 2023 meetings begin at 7:30pm., the official newspapers are Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger and Highland Park Planet with a voice vote by all present the motion approved.

Adopt Rules of Order:

There was a motion from Mr. Hale with a second from Mr. Millet to adopt the rules of order and with a voice vote, motion was approved.

Minutes:

July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

It was MOVED by PERLMAN and seconded by HAND that the July 12, 2018 Regular meeting minutes as distributed were approved with a voice vote by Brescher, Perlman, Hand, and abstention from Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Millet, Stern Cardinale, Williams the minutes were approved.

Resolution P2022-01 Jassin, LLC, Minor Subdivision Application with Exceptions
Lots 18-22, Block 68, Application No. P2019-02-Request for
Extension

It was MOVED by HALE and seconded by PERLMAN to approve the memorialization of Resolution P2022-01, and abstention from Chin, Hadhazy, Stern Cardinale.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Brescher, Hale, Hand, Millet, Perlman, Williams
Nays – None
Abstentions – Hadhazy, Chin

There being eight (6) ayes, no nays and two (2) abstentions, the motion passed.

Action on any other business and work session.

Correspondence and reports.

Zoning/Building Officer report – Scott - None

Discussion on Checklist – Rebecca

Ms. Hand said we have talked about amending our potential checklist when it comes to providing applications before this Board. This came up in January last year, it fell through the cracks, and was brought up in August, and it has lingered since then. For our new members, we had some major applications before the Board that were coming in from a rigorous Redevelopment review. Members of the Board felt that we were missing pertinent pieces of the application that had been presented to the Redevelopment Entity, but those items were not necessarily presented to the Planning Board. We had sent a request through the Board Attorney to the Council to review amending the checklist for preliminary and final site plan to include any documents submitted as part of the redevelopment process to be provided to the Planning Board. Mr. Hale stated the Council had discussed the letter, and there were not any objections from the Council to providing that documentation, and action should be taken in the next month on that matter.

Public comment on any item not on the agenda.

Ms. Hand opened the meeting to the public for matters not on the agenda; see no one public comment was closed.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn from MILLET and a second by HADHAZY at 7:54 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Santiago
Board Clerk