

HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING BOARD
Highland Park Borough Hall-Council Chambers
221 So. 5th Ave.
Highland Park, NJ 08904
MEETING DATE – January 12, 2023 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING

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 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Hand indicated this meeting was sent to the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, and the Highland Park Planet on January 10, 2023, 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 10, 2023, and has remained continuously posted as required by law.

Roll Call

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

Selection of Officers

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

Roll call

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

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, Perlman, Stern Cardinale, Williams, Hand
Nays	None
Abstain	None
Absent	Lanaris, Millet

Motion Approved.

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

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Appointment of Professionals and Staff

Board Attorneys, Board Planner, Board Engineer

Ms. Hand made a motion to appoint Roger Thomas, Dolan and Dolan, as Board Attorney, with a second by Mr. Perlman, and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Ms. Hand made a motion to appoint Chris Cosenza, LRK, as Board Planner, with a second by Mr. Stern Cardinale, and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Ms. Hand made a motion to appoint Bruce Koch, CME Associates, as Board Engineer, with a second by Mr. Williams, and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Ms. Hand made a motion to appoint Tania Varela as Board Clerk, with a second by Mr. Chin and hearing no other nominations, a roll call was taken.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Setting of 2023 Meeting Dates and designation of 2023 Official newspaper(s): Home News, Star Ledger and Highland Park Planet:

Ms. Hand read the 2023 dates into the record:

There was a motion from Mr. Perlman with a second from Mr. Williams to approve the Planning Board meeting dates for 2023 as the following January 12, 2023, February 9, 2023, March 9, 2023, April 13, 2023, May 11, 2023, June 8, 2023, July 13, 2023, August 10, 2023, September 14, 2023, October 12, 2023, November 9, 2023, December 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024 meetings begin at 7:30pm., the official newspapers are Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger and Highland Park Planet.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Adopt Rules of Order:

There was a motion from Ms. Hadhazy with a second from Mr. Hale to adopt the rules of order.

Roll call

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

Motion Approved.

Memorialization of resolution:

Resolution P2022-03

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE BOROUGH'S TAX RECORDS AS BLOCK 3002, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 30, 34, 35, 36 AND 37 AS A "NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OR REDEVELOPMENT" PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

It was MOVED by STERN CARDINALE and seconded by HADHAZAY to approve the memorialization of Resolution P2022-03

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Brescher, Chin, Hadhazy, Hale, Stern Cardinale, Williams, Hand.

Nays – Perlman

Abstentions – None

There being seven (7) ayes, one (1) nay and no abstentions, the motion passed.

Action on any other business and work session.

Correspondence and reports.

Zoning/Building Officer report – Scott noted that the demolition of the house on Harrison Avenue should be completed by Monday or Tuesday.

Public comment on any item not on the agenda.

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

Mr. Perlman asked about a representative for the Rehabilitation Screening Committee.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn from STERN CARDINALE and a second by PERLMAN at 7:53 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tania Varela
Board Clerk