

Bay Head Planning Board
February 20, 2019

The meeting of the Bay Head Planning Board was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Furze read the following statement: "Pursuant to the applicable portions of the NJ Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was mailed to the Ocean Star and posted in the corridor of the Borough of Bay Head and filed with the Bay Head Borough Clerk."

Roll Call: William Furze, Christopher Parlow, Mark Durham, William Curtis, Neil Devesty, Dennis Shaning, Thomas Charlton, Jacqueline Keer, Kevin Feehan, Richard McGoey. Absent: Kathleen Tell, Patricia Wojcik, John Henry Morris

The December 19, 2018 **Minutes** were approved on a motion by Christopher Parlow and seconded by William Curtis, with all in favor.

The April 19, 2018 **Minutes** were approved on a motion by Neil Devesty and seconded by Thomas Charlton, with all in favor

The May 16, 2018 **Minutes** were approved on a motion by Neil Devesty and seconded by Thomas Charlton, with all in favor.

The June 20, 2018 **Minutes** were approved, as amended, on a motion by William Curtis and seconded by Neil Devesty, with all in favor.

The July 18, 2018 **Minutes** were approved on a motion by Neil Devesty and seconded by Kevin Feehan, with all in favor.

The August 15, 2018 **Minutes** were approved on a motion by Christopher Parlow and seconded by Rick McGoey, with all in favor.

The following members were sworn in by Steven A. Zabarsky, Borough Attorney:

CLASS II -- Christopher F. Parlow

CLASS III – Dennis Shaning

Alternate #1 – Jacqueline Keer

Alternate #3 – Kevin Feehan

The following members were elected as officers:

A motion was made by Neil Devesty and seconded by William Curtis to elect **William Furze as Chairman**. All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Thomas Charlton and seconded by Kevin Feehan to elect **Kathleen Tell as Vice-Chairperson**. All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by William Curtis and seconded by William Furze to elect **John Henry Morris as Secretary**. All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Thomas Charlton and seconded by William Furze to elect **Patricia Wojcik as Assistant Secretary**. All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Neil Devesty and seconded by Christopher Parlow to appoint the following:

Attorney: Steven A. Zabarsky, Esq.
Engineer: Susan S. Brasefield, P.E., P.P.
Clerk: Claire S. Hense

All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Christopher Parlow and seconded by Neil Devesty to designate meeting dates and time as Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and thereafter, the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the August and November meetings which shall occur on the second Wednesday of the month, namely, August 14, 2019 and November 13, 2019; and to designate the Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press as the official newspapers. All in favor, none opposed.

Old Business

Mayor Curtis stated he received a copy of Mr. Furze's sample tree ordinance, studied it carefully, and wanted to know if the "cross-outs" were from Mr. Furze. Mr. Furze stated it was his understanding they were showing it was dismissing the possibility of needing that language. Mr. Furze stated he scrubbed the document, for those who had a chance to read it. He stated it is very involved and he picked it for that reason because it pretty much shows every aspect of a tree preservation ordinance, most of which would not be applicable to Bay Head. It is primarily for a community that has a high woodland area which is adversely affected by the removal of trees from a storm water management perspective. Mr. Furze stated there are a lot of things, and it invokes a lot of other entities such as the Environmental Commission, Police Department for enforcement, Council – pretty much all the entities of a community.

Mr. Furze asked all members to take a look at it and perhaps at the next meeting the Board can discuss what we will really need in order to promote a tree preservation ordinance. Mr. Furze stated his personal opinion is if the Borough had something simple asking a homeowner to replace a tree when they remove a tree, or when provided with new development, they would provide some designation for trees.

Mr. McGoey stated Mr. Furze, in his experience, may have seen these types of ordinances in action and wanted to know if he was more successful with a simpler ordinance, or more successful with a major one, with a town such as Bay Head. Mr. McGoey stated this sample ordinance covers a lot of ground, there are a lot of definitions, you would have to do inventory,

and there is a fair amount of work behind the scenes to set that up, to which Mr. Furze stated he didn't believe Bay Head has the horsepower to do all of that. Further, Mr. Furze stated the applications he is typically responsible for are for very large commercial developments with a mix and match of requirements. Mr. Furze stated he spoke with Susan Brasefield, the Board Engineer, about this and he felt between the two of them, they could pare this sample ordinance down to something workable, maybe even enforceable, to encourage tree preservation or replacement of trees if they have to be removed.

Mr. Durham suggested we look at a seaboard town to see if they have a tree ordinance. Mrs. Keer spoke about the tree ordinance in Point Pleasant Beach which she felt was rather strict but a good idea. Mr. Charlton said he felt it was important to get the Environmental Commission's thoughts on it which is why he sent it over to Dan Paulus.

There was no **New Business**

A motion was made by William Curtis and seconded by Christopher Parlow to open the meeting to **public discussion**; there was none. A motion was then made by Christopher Parlow and seconded by Neil Devesty to close the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by William Curtis and seconded by Thomas Charlton to approve the **vouchers**. All were in favor.

The meeting **adjourned** on a motion by Neil Devesty and seconded by Kevin Feehan. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Claire S. Hense