

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 8, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Boyle at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room of the Borough Hall. Mr. Boyle read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chairman Boyle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Post, Aron, VanDeursen, Opdyke, Truman, Corica, Boyle
Absent:	Turner, Jewell
Also Present:	Stuart Ours, Attorney William Gleba, Board Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of November 10, 2008: No comments. Therefore, it was moved by VanDeursen, seconded by Post to approve minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Post, Aron, VanDeursen,
Opdyke, Truman, Corica, Boyle
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1(Truman)
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPLICATION:

Park Hill Apartments – minor site plan (regarding & soil erosion):
Applicant will not be attending. Hope to be ready for the January meeting. Review letter from Board Engineer dated 12/8/08 was given to members. Bill Gleba discussed the history of the property and explained the application. He stated that he would like to meet with applicant and their attorney to discuss. Applicant will need to notice due to removal of soil. John Corica stated that EPA has been at this site. Applicant may need to meet with EPA before soil removal. Bill stated that the applicant may need to meet with Council and Borough Engineer as well. John Corica will send a letter to Steve Cipo, EPA, with a copy of the plans and ask for comments. Applicant also needs to set up an escrow. Attorney Ours stated that soil plan must be considered within 30 days. Therefore, it was moved by Post, seconded by Corica to deem the application incomplete.

ROLL CALL: Post, Aron, VanDeursen,
Opdyke, Truman, Corica, Boyle
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Redevelopment: Chuck Latini not at meeting. Possible public hearing in January.

PNC Bank sign: John Corica stated that Andrew Holt reviewed plans. Internal light was removed. They are not installing gooseneck lights. Andrew feels the current sign meets the requirements. No objection from Board.

Downtown Business Uses: Council voiced questions about certain categories. Marianne Van Deursen stated that she told Council to be specific and suggested that it be determined in January with details and given to the Planning Board to review and make recommendations.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:

Chairman Boyle made a few suggestions for 2009:

1. put 2009 meeting dates on the website calendar and make sure October meeting is not on Columbus Day
2. Noted green buildings in Master Plan. – copy of Bill A1559 to be included in January packet
3. Suggested having a land use board instead of two separate boards. John Corica stated that smaller towns with Small amount of activity usually combine boards. Marianne VanDeursen stated that this issue was discussed Prior and at that time there were too many applications for one board to hear.

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Attorney Ours noted that the Baker appeal was being heard in Morristown on Tuesday, December 9.

Outgoing members were thanked for their support. John Corica stated that this may be his last meeting and thanked everyone for all of their help.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No discussion

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8.34 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board