

Franklin Borough Planning Board
Meeting Minutes for
September 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Christiano, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mr. Christiano read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Absent)
Mr. John Christiano, Vice Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica, Council liaison (Present)
Mr. Floy Estes (Absent)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. Jim Nidelko (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Michael Raperto, (Present)
Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #1(Present)
Mr. James Affinito, Alternate #2 (Present)

ALSO, PRESENT:

Michael Brown, Planning Board Attorney

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Brown administered the oath of allegiance to Mr. Affinito as an Alternate member #2 to the Planning Board.

The Planning board welcomed Mr. Affinito to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Franklin Planning Board Minutes for July 17, 2023 Meeting.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 17, 2023

Seconded **by Mr. Nidelko**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Friend, Formica, Nidelko, Raperto, Williams, Sowden, Schultz

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to approve the escrow report for **September 18, 2023**

Seconded **by Mr. Raperto**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Friend, Nidelko, Raperto, Williams, Schultz, Affinito

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: Sowden, Formica

Approved.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

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Mr. Christiano opened the meeting to the public.

Not seeing anyone come forward. Mr. Christiano closed the meeting to the public.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Schultz asked if there have been any updates on the old Littell building known as 12 Munsonhurst the 2nd Ascend building.

Mr. Christiano stated that the two people who can answer that question are not here.

Mr. Knutelsky and Mrs. Caldwell 'Dykstra.

Mr. Christiano stated that he has some questions himself that he would like to address one in particular being the odor.

The board all agreed that the odor has definitely reduced.

Mr. Nidelko stated that the last update that was given was that they were changing out all the air filtrations.

Mr. Nidelko stated that has obviously made a big difference in the odor that is escaping the building.

Mr. Christiano asked if Ascen was supposed to come back to the board.

Mr. Brown stated yes, however, they addressed the board by stating that they have been upgrading the air filtration systems and fixing the issues that were addressed by the board as far as the amount of odor that was leaving the building.

Therefore, as long as it was getting better there was no reason to come back before the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Christiano asked if there was any old business.

Mr. Raperto asked if Braen was scheduled to come to one of the Planning board meetings soon.

Mr. Brown stated that the professionals are organizing some things.

Mr. Raperto asked if they had a storm water management plan?

Mr. Brown stated that yes, Mr. Knutelsky confirmed that they did in deed have a storm management report.

The board briefly discussed some other issues that came up at the last meeting and Mr. Brown stated again that the professionals are working together to resolve this and when they have an update for us that is when we will be able to get our questions answered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Christiano gave a brief summary of the joint meeting that was held on Tuesday September 12, 2023 in regards to the presentation on the Rails for trails.

Mr. Christiano stated that Josh Osowski, Regional Superintendent with the Park Service lead the presentation and did a great job of explaining what their goals are for Franklin Borough to be a big part of the trails here in town.

Mr. Christiano stated that the timeline for bulldozing the trails is for next spring.

Mr. Christiano stated that after 20 plus years it looks like this project is going to be underway. It is going to be a nice addition to the recreation aspect to the town of Franklin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by **Mr. Friend**

All were in Favor.

The Meeting adjourned @7:59

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