

**Borough of Pitman Combined Planning/Zoning Board
Pitman, New Jersey**

Minutes of June 15, 2015

Call to Order:

Chairman Aspras called the meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Chairman Aspras, Mrs. Hausmann, Mayor Johnson, Councilwoman Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Slenkamp, Mrs. Stech, Mr. Romick, Mr. Dutill

Absent members: Mr. Fijalkowski, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Owen, Mr. Shirley

Advisors Present:

Mr. MacDonald, Solicitor, Mr. Pierpont, Zoning Officer.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of May Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Lowden, second by Councilwoman Kelley to approve the May minutes. On voice vote: Mrs. Hausmann, Councilwoman Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mrs. Stech, Mr. Romick, Mr. Dutill

Abstain: Chairman Aspras, Mayor Johnson, Mr. Slenkamp

Historic Preservation Commission:

Mr. MacDonald swore in Walt Madison.

2015-21: Larkspur Interiors, 21 S. Broadway B-73 L-4
Signs

2015-22: Leigh Meinhart, 6 E. Holly Ave. B-114 L-6
Sign

2015-23: John Watson, 137 West Ave., B-19 L-32
Fence

2015-24: John Parise, 8 N. Broadway, B-200 L-22
Emergency Repair on roof

2015-25: Patti Forte, 8 S. Broadway, B-1 L-2

Mural

2015-26: Michelle LaPlante, 198 Southwest Ave., B-21 L-31

Replace porch

2015-27: Fairy Godmothers, 50 S. Broadway, B-2 L-2

Awning

2015-28: James Connor, 203 W. Holly Ave., B-185 L-1

Two car garage

A motion was made by Mayor Johnson, second by Mr. Lowden to approve Historic applications 2015-21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28. On voice vote: Chairman Aspras, Mrs. Hausmann, Mayor Johnson, Councilwoman Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Slenkamp, Mrs. Stech, Mr. Romick, Mr. Dutil

Report from Zoning Officer:

Mr. Pierpont gave the board his zoning report:

- 67 Zoning Permits issued year to date.
 - 20 in last 30 days.
 - up 19 over 2014 thru June 10
- Investigated 4 Zoning complaints
21 persons visited the Zoning office during Wednesday evening hours. 2 appointments and 3 site visits.
- Attended Historic Preservation Commission meeting at their request.

*Mr. Shirley came into the meeting and will be able to vote.

New Use Waiver Committee:

None.

Site Plan Committee:

None.

Subdivision Committee:

None.

Master Plan Committee:

None.

Environmental Commission:

None.

Council Report:

Councilwoman Kelley gave the board her report.

- Pitman will be one of the only towns in Gloucester County to hold fireworks on July 4th.
- “The sound of music” will be the theme this year for the 4th of July Parade.
- Borough Council passed the budget.
- Bond ordinance passed for repaving Borough streets.

*Mr. Owens came into the meeting and will be able to vote.

Economic Development Committee:

Mr. Owen gave the board a report.

- Next meeting this Thursday at 7pm.
- New parking signs will be posted; working with the county highway department.

Chairman Aspras questioned how the EDC is encouraging new businesses to come into town. Mr. Owen said that the EDC had cards made up to help promote the Borough’s downtown. He will bring them in for the next meeting in July.

Mr. Owen questioned Chairman Aspras about changing the zoning in the downtown area to remove boarding housing. Mr. MacDonald stated the zoning in any area could be change; if a zone is changed, then the property will be grandfathered in until the owner of the property applies for a change of use.

Other Business:

Mr. Romick had a meeting with the County Engineer. In the meeting, they talked about proposed bike trails. Mr. Romick received a map of the proposed bike trails and passed it around for the board members to review. He stated that this is just a proposal and may happen in the future if funding is available.

Chairman Aspras stated the Loose End Committee met for the first time. The committee is looking into the revisions to the C-1 zone, downtown. He will email the draft changes to everyone on the board to be placed on the July meeting’s agenda.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mrs. Hausmann, second by Councilwoman Kelley. On voice vote: Chairman Aspras, Mrs. Hausmann, Mayor Johnson, Councilwoman Kelley, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Slenkamp, Mrs. Stech, Mr. Owen, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Romick, Mr. Dutil

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Vernacchio