

**Borough of Pitman  
Combined Planning/Zoning Board**

**Minutes of February 18, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Aspras called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Attendance:**

Chairman Aspras, Mayor Razze, Councilman Fitzpatrick, Mr. Ryder, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Slenkamp, Mr. Owen, Mr. Romick, Mr. Franchi, Mr. Scutt, Mr. Austin

**Absent Members:**

Mrs. Stech, Mr. Fijalkowski

**Advisors Present:**

Mr. MacDonald, Solicitor, Mr. Tim Kernan, Planner/Engineer, Mr. Walt Madison, Pitman Historic Commission

**Approval of January 2020 Minutes:**

Mr. Romick motioned, second by Mrs. Kelley to approve the January 2020 minutes, with two typographical corrections.

Chairman Aspras: **Yes**

Mayor Razze: **Yes**

Councilman Fitzpatrick: **Yes**

Mr. Ryder: **Yes**

Mrs. Kelley: **Yes**

Mr. Slenkamp: **Yes**

Mr. Owen: **Yes**

**Public Comments:**

None

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

Mr. MacDonald swore in Mr. Walt Madison, Chairman of the Pitman Historic Commission.

**Application No. 2020-01**

Seeds of Love Yoga

5 N Broadway

BI-114 / L-6

Signage

**Application No. 2020-02**

Jack Hill

67 S Broadway

Bl-74 / L-5.01

Signage/remove awning frame

•**With additional condition that the Applicant is to return to Historic Preservation for recommendation and approval on awning and building color.**

Mrs. Kelley motioned, second by Mr. Owen to approve Applications 2020-01 & 02 with the additional conditions for Application 2020-02.

Chairman Aspras: **Yes**

Mayor Razzo: **Yes**

Councilman Fitzpatrick: **Yes**

Mr. Ryder: **Yes**

Mrs. Kelley: **Yes**

Mr. Slenkamp: **Yes**

Mr. Owen: **Yes**

Chairman Madison stated that there had been talk of a Committee being formed between Historic and Planning Board members. Chairman Aspras stated that there would be at least 4 members from Historic and that they should come up with a couple of dates for meetings.

**Update on Magnolia Ave. Vacation:**

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated that Magnolia Ave. was vacated at the last Council meeting. Mr. MacDonald then stated that the applicant is now required to submit the deeds so that the memorialization for the minor sub-division can occur.

**Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for First National Bank of South Jersey:**

Chairman Aspras recognized Borough Administrator O'Donnell.

Ms. O'Donnell stated that there were some additional items that needed to be added to the Redevelopment Plan in order to allow Mr. Mannino and Mr. Merryman to go forward with the project at Merryman's Pub.

- Coats of Arms between the 2 front windows
- English style phone booth off the front of the building
- Signage above the front door – previously approved
- A fenced area to put dumpster and recycled oil receptacles off the back of the building
- Sidewalk going down into the basement
- Outside seating at front of building

Mr. MacDonald then read the Resolution for the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the First National Bank of South Jersey.

Mr. Austin motioned second by Mr. Ryder to approve the Resolution amending the Redevelopment Plan for the First National Bank of South Jersey.

Chairman Aspras: **Yes**

Mayor Razzo: **Yes**

Councilman Fitzpatrick: **Yes**

Mr. Ryder: **Yes**

Mrs. Kelley: **Yes**

Mr. Slenkamp: **Yes**

Mr. Owen: **Yes**

**Historic Commission Liaison:**

No report

**Economic Development Committee:**

Mr. Owen reported that the next meeting is this Thursday at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

**New Use Waiver Committee:**

No report

**Site Plan Committee:**

No report

**Subdivision Committee:**

Mrs. Kelley – Nothing to report

**Master Plan Committee:**

Mr. Ryder – Nothing to report

**Environmental Commission:**

Mr. Slenkamp reported that there were 2 meetings this past month. One meeting was over the Lipari Landfill with members of the NJDEP. There was discussion of their plans of transferring the site from the Federal Government to the State Government, and it appears there will be very few changes. There will be a five year report coming out next year.

The other meeting was with Andy Fox, Recreation Director for the Borough. The 50 trees taken down during the construction of the Disk Golf area will be replaced over time.

**Council Report:**

Councilman Fitzpatrick reported that the pedestrian and bike path plan was presented to Council with positive feedback. Council would like a subcommittee formed by Planning Board, Safety and Public Property. Mayor Razze suggested that one or two members of the public also could serve on this committee. Councilman Fitzpatrick agreed.

Councilman Fitzpatrick then stated that he had been approached by a disabled person in a wheelchair, who said she would like to go into more stores in the uptown area, but they are not readily accessible to her. He then asked, are temporary ramps allowed? Chairman Aspras stated that they would need to be ADA approved and that a store owner cannot be forced to install a temporary ramp.

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Kelley motioned, second by Mr. Slenkamp to adjourn.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Anderson  
Recording Secretary