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MEETING

March 22, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Unified Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of Englishtown, held in the municipal building, 15 Main Street, Englishtown, New Jersey 07726.

1. Reading of the sunshine statement.
2. Swearing in of: Thomas Reynolds Class 1 Official
Paul Robilotti Class IV Official
3. Meeting called to order and roll call
4. Moment of silent prayer and salute to the flag.
5. Public Portion- Agenda Items Only
6. Application 2016-001 29 Park Ave. Rick's Saddle Shop Sign Variance
7. Approval of January 26, 2016 minutes
8. Public Portion-Non-agenda items
9. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

The Mayor and Paul Robilotti were sworn in previously by the town clerk.

Sunshine Statement was read, moment of silence observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Present: Harvey Klein, Tom Reynolds, Cindi Robilotti, Wayne Krawiec, Raul Robilotti, Jerry Leonardis, Kathy Bien

Absent: Liz Canario, Tom Kirkland, Ron Medeiros

Also present were Borough Attorney Daniel Green, Borough Engineer Tom Herits, and Planning Board Secretary Celia Hecht.

Application 2016-001 Ricks Saddle Shop 29 Park Ave. Sign Usage Application

Rick Wills and Michael Conforth were both sworn in.

They want to replace their sign with a digital sign. The new sign will be in the same location. It will be only slightly larger, which is less than the 75 square foot, which is permitted. The background color is black and the lettering is red. Both colors are permitted by the Sign Ordinance. There are two different types of signs. One is letters only, and the other is both graphics and letters.

Tom Herits explains that the sign meets all the criteria, but the code book does not mention anything about digital signs. The book was written before there were digital signs. That is the reason that Rick's Saddle Shop is coming before the board.

It will be lit all night, like the one he has now. No one has complained. If any neighbor complains, he will shut it off.

Marked into Exhibit Pictures of:

- A. Picture of sign as it is now.
- B. Picture of digital sign with words only
- C. Picture of digital sign with graphics

Dan Green asks them which sign would they want the resolution to be granted for. Rick says both. He would prefer the sign with the graphics, but he doesn't know if he could afford it. He would like to have some of his suppliers help him with the cost of the sign.

Wayne Krawiec: Will the sign be both sides?

Rick Wills: It will be both sides

Motion: Offered: Harvey Klein
Seconded: Cindi Robilotti

Ayes: Klein, Reynolds, C. Robilotti, P. Robilotti, Krawiec, Bien, Leonardis

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Canario, Medeiros, Kirkland

Approval of January 26, 2016 Minutes

Motion: Offered: Harvey Klein
Second: Cindy Robilotti

Ayes: H. Klein, C. Robilotti, W.Krawiec,J. Leonardis,K. Bien
Nays: none
Abstain: T. Reynolds, P. Robilotti
Absent: R. Medeiros, L. Canario, T. Kirkland

PUBLIC PORTION NON AGENDA ITEMS

Steven Rogers wants to purchase 31 Park Ave. He owns a lawn sprinkler and gardening business. He wants to clean up the property. Some of the buildings on the property are open and he would like to enclose them. He has approximately 25 small trucks and vans that he would like to park on the property. The property will be fenced in.

The board told him, they don't think there will be a problem, but he has to see the zoning officer. If the zoning officer says he has to come before us, he would have to have his exact plans, on what he wants to do.

Kathy Bien 7 Main St. Saw surveyors on Main Street and asked them what they are doing. They told her they were investigating widening Main Street. She was concerned because if they took any property by her home, traffic would be on her lawn.

Mayor Reynold answered that the county is thinking about changing the traffic pattern. If anything, they may widen Main Street by Borough Hall to allow for a left lane turning onto Tennent Avenue, and the right lane going straight.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:10 PM

Offered: Tom Reynolds
Seconded: Cindy Robilotti

Unanimous

May 24, 2016

Celia Hecht

Approved

Planning Board Secretary