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**WORK SESSION OF THE
TENAFLY PLANNING BOARD
JULY 9, 2014**

Chairperson MaryBeth Wilmit called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

The announcement was made regarding compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The secretary was asked to call the roll:

Voting members present:	Mayor Peter Rustin	Councilman Jon Warms
	Mary Beth Wilmit	Kevin Tremble
	Gus Allen	Eugene Marcantonio
	Ted Kagy	Sheryl Gaines
	Marc Harrison	Eugene Kwon

Board members absent: Jeffrey Toonkel

Others present: Jeffrey Zenn, Esq.
Joseph Tristano, Esq.

INFORMAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Tremble introduced Cyndi Steiner, Executive Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition, who gave a brief informal power point presentation. Her group has worked to obtain ADA access on the George Washington Bridge and aided with Complete Streets Implementation along route 35 in southern New Jersey. Much of the discussion focused on Route 9W, which is heavily trafficked by cars as well as bicycles. The corner of East Clinton Avenue and Route 9W is a problem area which needs to be addressed. Her firm is working in concert with the New Jersey Department of Transportation to develop safe travel routes for all modes of transportation along that corridor.

Ms. Steiner commented that she has worked on training various police departments in bicycle rules and regulations. Many bicyclists do not adhere to traffic laws and should be issued tickets to deter unsafe road conditions.

She reviewed several slides dealing with Complete Streets Policy. She believes that Tenafly has a Complete Streets policy in effect. She explained the various traffic calming methods used in many municipalities.

Board members would like to be included in the talks with the NJDOT regarding the 9W Project. She will compile the board's comments in a report to the NJDOT and will forward a copy to Mrs. Nicolosi for distribution to the board members. She will encourage the NJDOT to work with Borough officials on improving Route 9W for all who traverse this thoroughfare. The board thanked Ms. Steiner for her most informative presentation.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Tremble to approve the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of June 25, 2014. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Tremble to approve the Approval Resolution with conditions for PB#1-14-05, Applicant: James Ferolie & Allan and Elysa Todd, Block 501, Lots 3 and 4, 16 Marcotte Lane. The roll was called and the motion carried. Voting YES: Mrs. Wilmit, Mr. Tremble, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Marcantonio, Mrs. Gaines, Councilman Warms and Mayor Rustin.

A motion was made by Mr. Marcantonio and seconded by Mr. Tremble to approve the Approval Resolution with conditions for PB#1-14-07 (formerly PB#1-06-13), Applicant: Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Block 2903, Lot 4, 411 East Clinton Avenue. The roll was called and the motion carried. Voting YES: Mrs. Wilmit, Mr. Tremble, Mr. Marcantonio, Mrs. Gaines and Councilman Warms.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rustin explained that the Planning Board was asked to approve a letter of support for the Green Acres grant application for the construction of a pavilion at Huyler Park. This request was forwarded via email to Chairperson MaryBeth Wilmit and attorney Jeff Zenn for discussion on the agenda late yesterday afternoon. Board members voiced displeasure at the lack of supporting documentation for the project and the lack of adequate time to review the requested letter of support. This is not the first time that the board was asked by the governing body to approve a letter of support for a project with little or no background information. Mr. Tremble noted that this topic will be on the agenda tomorrow evening for the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Gaines to approve a letter from the Planning Board to support the Green Acres grant application for the Huyler Park Pavilion Project. The roll was called and the motion carried. Voting YES: Mrs. Wilmit, Mr. Allen, Mr. Marcantonio, Mrs. Gaines, Councilman Warms and Mayor Rustin. Voting NO: Mr. Tremble, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Kagy.

The Planning Board directed Mrs. Nicolosi to draft a memo to Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin indicating its discussion this evening and requesting that in the future the Planning Board be given at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice on such matters and that supporting documentation be included for review.

It was noted that there will be a review of the new DPW Building by the architect on the project, Anthony Iovino at the September 10 Work Session.

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A COAH Joint Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon to review new COAH regulations. Mr. Burgis has been authorized to begin the compilation of background information which will be needed for the Borough's new Fair Share & Housing Element of the Master Plan. The Borough will have until May 17, 2015 to submit a plan to COAH, pending approval of the new COAH rules and regulations.

There was a brief discussion regarding adding new permitted use in residential zone for a sole practitioner providing home based music lessons. Board members raised concerns that adding this permitted use would open the borough up to many more home businesses, including tutoring and massage. Mrs. Nicolosi will contact Borough Planner Joe Burgis to inquire about other ordinances he may have seen which dealt with such matters and will get his input on the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Marcantonio and seconded by Mr. Kagy to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi
Planning Board Secretary