

Tenafly Board of Adjustment

Regular Meeting

7:30 P.M. February 1, 2021

Minutes

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Brensilber, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Cho, Mr. Cytryn, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Kominsky, Mr. Lieberman,

Also present: Mr. Kalish, Mr. Menon, Mr. Onello, Mr. Steinhagen, Ms. Toro, Mr. Zenn

Open Public Meeting Act Statement

Reorganization

Swear in re-appointed members:

- Mr. Callahan and Mr. Cho stated the Official Oath of Public Office and were re-sworn in.

Swear in new members:

Appointment of Officers for 2021:

- Chair: Mr. Kominsky
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Callahan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to appoint Mr. Kominsky as Chair of the Board. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.
- Vice Chair: Mr. Cytryn
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Cho to appoint Mr. Cytryn as Vice Chair of the Board. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.
- Board Attorney: Mr. Zenn
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Brensilber and seconded by Mr. Friedman to appoint Mr. Zenn as Board Attorney. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.
- Board Engineer: Mr. Hals
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Brensilber and seconded by Mr. Cytryn to appoint Mr. Hals as Board Engineer. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

- Board Secretary: Ms. Chalarca
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Cho to appoint Ms. Chalarca as Board Secretary. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.
- Second Vice Chair: Mr. Friedman
 - o A motion was made by Mr. Cytryn and seconded by Mr. Cho to appoint Mr. Friedman as Second Vice Chair of the Board. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Cytryn to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Unfinished Business: 141 Piermont Road

A motion was made by Mr. Cytryn and seconded by Mr. Friedman to schedule a special meeting for Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 7:30pm to discuss the application for a self-storage unit at 141 Piermont Road due to application nearing 120 days since filing. A voice vote carried the motion. Voted YES: Mr. Cytryn, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Cho, and Mr. Kominsky Voted NO: Mr. Brensilber and Mr. Lieberman. The motion was passed 5-2.

Zoning Officer: Robert Byrnes

Mr. Byrnes discussed there were supposed to be two additional applications for the meeting's agenda. Mr. Byrnes discussed these two applications can be moved to March 1st, 2021 calendar.

Application: Mr. Kalish - 200 Leroy Street

Mr. Michael Kalish, home owner, and Mr. Angelo Onello, engineer, presented regarding pool installation for 200 Leroy Street. Mr. Onello discussed the application that was originally submitted in the summer of 2020, was reviewed in November/December 2020 and is being reviewed again today, February 1st, 2021. Mr. Onello discussed changes that had been made to the plans and Mr. Hals' report. Mr. Onello addressed questions regarding the revised plan, change in variances, and landscaping of the home. Mr. Kalish discussed his reasoning for not wanting to make changes to the driveway. Mr. Kalish disclosed that his son has a disability and the way the drive way is now allows for the bus to pick up his son in front of the family's home. Mr. Kalish disclosed a previous incident where his son had to be picked up closer to the street which almost resulted in a dangerous situation.

Executive Session: Mr. Kalish - 200 Leroy Street

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Lieberman to go into executive session. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Mr. Lieberman stated he supported the original application and supports this one as well as Mr. Kalish and Mr. Onello have tried to do everything they can. Mr. Lieberman stated his only

comment was to address the submission and form of submitting as changes have occurred administratively. Mr. Lieberman stated he would like to continue with previous methods or improve them, but not have a different form every time there is a new applicant.

Mr. Friedman stated he voted against the application originally but has noted the significant attempt this time made by Mr. Kalish and Mr. Onello. Mr. Friedman stated he would now be in favor of approving the new application subject to Mr. Hals' letter.

Mr. Kominsky stated he was also in favor of the application originally. Mr. Kominsky noted the applicant has gone to great lengths to revise plans including lessening the variance.

A motion was made by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Friedman for the board to approve this application subject to Mr. Hals' report. The roll was called and the motion was carried. Voting YES: Mr. Brensilber, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Cytryn, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Cho, Mr. Kominsky, and Mr. Lieberman. Voting NO: No one. The motion was passed 7-0.

Special Session: 141 Piermont Road

A new motion was made by Mr. Cytryn and was seconded by Mr. Friedman to have the special meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30pm. A voice vote carried the motion. Voting YES: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Cytryn, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Cho, Mr. Kominsky, and Mr. Lieberman. Voting NO: Mr. Brensilber. Chairman Kominsky reviewed and passed the motion.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Cytryn and seconded by Mr. Friedman to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. A voice vote carried the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Chalarca

Board Secretary