

**Planning Board
Minutes of the Meetings
April 18, 2017**

The Livingston Planning Board met for Conference & Workshop Meetings at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Municipal and Police Building, 357 S. Livingston Avenue. Notice of both Meetings was published in the West Essex Tribune and posted on the Municipal and Police Building bulletin board.

Conference Meeting:

At 7:42 P.M. Secretary Jackie Coombs-Hollis announced that proper notice had been given and called the Roll.

Present:	Peter Klein, Chairman Richard Dinar, Vice Chairman Martin Kalishman Robert Leopold Samuel Ratner Michael Rieber Stephen Santola Michael Silverman Jackie Coombs-Hollis, Secretary Richard Vallario, Attorney Veena Sawant, Planner	Absent:	Alfred Anthony Jill Wishnew
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1. Departure from Order of Business - Without dissent, the Board departed from the agenda order of business in consideration of the many members of the public present to hear the review of the Board of Education capital project.
2. Board of Education Capital Project for Parking on Foxcroft Drive. The Chairman explained the limited authority and scope of review of the Planning Board under the State Municipal Land Use Law. Board of Education President Ronnie F. Konner, Buildings & Grounds Manager James Perrette, and the preparers of that Board's site plans were present.

The Board heard a presentation of the proposed project, asked questions and made suggestions.

Agreement was reached that the following modifications will be made to the plans presented:

1. A center line will be painted in the two-way entry/exit driveway.
2. A sidewalk will be added along that driveway.

3. The two stormwater basins will be fenced.
4. Some trees will be planted on the Heritage Middle School grounds as replacements for trees lost in construction of the new parking lot.

There was also agreement that the Board of Education's expert will have further conversations with the Township's engineers concerning drainage.

The Planning Board noted particularly that the proposal as modified is in conformity with the Master Plan's Community Facilities Plan Element recommendation that the Board of Education make every reasonable effort to ensure that on-site parking at its facilities is consistent with the requirements applicable to privately owned like facilities.

The Planning Board requested that the Board of Education consider whether two other suggestions can be followed:

1. Change the angles of the bus parking spaces so that buses can easily be backed into them; thus reducing the number of back-up audible signals when buses leave early in the morning.
2. Make voluntary payments to the Township's Trees Trust Fund to the extent that a private party would have to make payments in lieu of planting replacement trees required by the Trees Ordinance. (Such payments would be consistent with the recommendation in the Master Plan's Community Facilities Plan Element that governmentally-owned facilities set an example by *voluntarily* meeting tree replacement requirements applicable to private parties.)

The Planning Board found, without dissent or abstention, the proposed capital project to be consistent with the Township's Master Plan. The Board of Education and the State's Department of Education will be advised of the review, recommendations and findings by letter.

2. Adjournment. At 8:57 P.M., the Board returned to the ordinary order of business, noted there was no further business for the Conference Meeting other than adoption of the April 4th Minutes, and that there was insufficient time remaining to properly deal with the matters on the Workshop Agenda. Therefore, the Workshop was cancelled, the reading of the Minutes was postponed to the May 2, 2017 Conference Meeting, and the Conference Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Coombs- Hollis
Secretary