

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**REGULAR MEETING: 7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** This meeting is being held in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act: and has been duly noticed and published by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Jim Bilella	Class I	Absent
Michael McGowan	Class II	Present
Councilman Dan MacDonnell	Class III	Present
Jeannine Schumacher	Class IV	Present
Ron Sabatini	Class IV	Present
Nick Maccaroni	Class IV	Present
Andrew Simone	Class IV	Present
Dan Pomponio	Class IV	Present
Thomas Dulin	Class IV	Present
Patricia Cummings	Alternate # 1	Present
Fran Ballak	Alternate # 2	Present

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Due to the absence of 1 regular member, Mrs. Cummings will be voting.

**MINUTES:**

**Minutes April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

A motion was made by Councilman MacDonnell to approve the minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Dan Pomponio seconded the motion. On roll call vote those eligible all voted aye.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**None**

## **ZONING OFFICERS REPORT:**

**4-1-18 through 5-31-18**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PB18-002**

**Zachary Dunn**

**103 Presidential Drive**

**Bulk C Variance**

Zachary Dunn 103 Presidential Drive was sworn in to give testimony on his application. Mr. Dunn provided one photo of his neighbors back yard that is next to his front yard. Mr. Dunn submitted 2 additional photos Marked A1, and A2. Mr. Dunn testified that he is proposing to extend his existing fence to a point of 20 ft. to the inside curbline in the front yard on Presidential Drive. Mr. Dunn explained that the neighbor leaves a German Shepherd dog chained up all day, and the dog barks all day. That same neighbor also has 2 pit bull dogs that are not chained. He is proposing a 6ft. Vinyl fence that will match up to the neighbor's rear yard picket fence. Mr. Dunn commented that the neighbor appears to be a hoarder on top of the 3 barking dogs, he is concerned with safety of his family, and for privacy.

Mr. Pomponio asked from which direction was the photos submitted taken, and Mr. Dunn confirmed from his driveway. Mr. Dunn stated that there is dead shrubbery that was his that he intends on replacing. The fence will end 20ft before the curb. Mr. Sabatini asked about any current ordinances regarding fences running parallel to one another, and the distance they need to be apart. Mr. Maccaroni commented that both homes are new, and a subdivision application came before the board that was approved, knowing this could be a problem. With nothing further from the board, Chairman Simone opened this portion of the meeting up to the public.

Appearing from the public is Bill Bansch of 79 New Freedom Road. Mr. Bansch addressed the board as the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Berlin. Mr. Bansch stated he is very familiar with this property and the older house that faces Clementon Road next door that belongs to Mr. Ward. Mr. Bansch provided 4 photos that he took the morning of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and presented them to Mr. Platt the board solicitor. Photos are identified E1 through 4. Mr. Bansch mentioned that he spoke to Mr. Ward who is willing to put vinyl fencing across his back yard and tie into Mr. Dunn's fence. There are no issues with the property owner on the other side of Mr. Ward. Mr. Bansch stated he is in favor of this application. With nothing further from the public,

Chairman Simone closed the public portion. With nothing further from the applicant, or the board, Chairman Simone asked for a motion. Councilman Dan MacDonnell made a motion to approve this application, and Mike McGowan seconded the motion. On roll call vote:

Michael McGowan	Yes
Councilman Dan MacDonnell	Yes
Jeannine Schumacher	Yes
Ron Sabatini	Yes
Nick Maccaroni	Yes
Andrew Simone	Yes
Dan Pomponio	Yes
Thomas Dulin	Yes
Patricia Cummings	Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Mandatory Board Member NJDEP Stormwater Management Training**

Chairman Simone reminded board members to view the mandatory video, and provide the certification to the board secretary before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Our Next board meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, pending any new applications.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:**

Ms. Schumacher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mike McGowan seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Cc: Bill Behnke, Fire Marshall  
Stacey DiVello, Escrow Financial Department  
Michael DePalma, Construction Official  
Terry Stagliano, Tax Assessor  
Lou DeMarco, Captain, EMS

