

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 3, 2021 7:30 pm

Chairman Keane opened the meeting at 7:32 pm with the following Public Announcement of Meeting: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public hearing meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Board. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at the Borough Hall, was mailed to The Newark Star-Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of Demarest on January 27, 2021. This meeting will also be done via teleconference. In accordance with NJSA 10:4-6, et seq the Planning Board of Demarest will also hold their meeting by means of communication equipment. Dial in number is 978-990-5000. Access code is 353193#.

Roll Call

Mayor Schooler-present	Mr. Tabacchi-present
Mr. Alevrontas-present	Mr. Rifkind-present
Mrs. Fox-absent	Mrs. Paster-present
Mr. Parlamis-absent	Mr. Verp-present via phone
Ms. Hayden-present	
Chairman Keane-present	

Also Present: Mr. Fede, Board Attorney.

Salute to the Flag

Presentation of addition to the County Road School

Chairman Keane explained that the law stated that the School Board's presentation to the board is not for approval or denial, but for information and to seek recommendations.

Rob Walsh, Chief Engineer for EI Associates Architects and Steve Moldts came forward to present the plans for a one-story addition to the NE side of the County Road School at the existing playground area. The addition will contain 4 Pre-K classrooms containing student bathrooms and 2 Small Group Instruction rooms. The addition will be 6400 square feet. The new wing will have heating and AC rooftop units. A new unit will be added for the existing all-purpose room. The new roofline will be higher than the main part of the school but lower than the utility area. The new area is elevated a foot to avoid the flood hazard area. There will be no impact on the flood hazard area. Standard mold-avoidance procedures are being followed. The hard surface play area and lawn area will be built on.

Play equipment will be moved. An application has been submitted to and is under review by the NJDEP. This project does not meet the criteria for stormwater management, but runoff should be diminished. No parking spaces have been added. The Fire Department will be part of the Building Department review. Any financing questions should be addressed to the School District.

Discussion about previous plan for construction at Luther Lee Emerson School and its referendum.

Mr. Fede charged the Board with its responsibilities.

Mayor Schooler moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mr. Tabacchi. All in favor. Carried. Mayor Schooler moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mr. Tabacchi. All in favor. Carried.

Chairman Keane moved to stated that the Board has found the comments to be consistent with the Master Plan, subject to Board Attorney's review and barring further recommendations by the NJDEP, second Mayor Schooler.

Mayor Schooler-yes	Mr. Tabacchi-yes
Mr. Alevrontas-yes	Mr. Rifkind-yes
Ms. Hayden-yes	Mrs. Paster-yes
Mr. Verp-yes	Chairman Keane-yes

Chairman Keane brought up the issue of needing to evaluate the Master Plan, as the 10-year term expired last year. The planner has presented a plan.

The Alpine/Fricke Estate will return to the Planning Board due to recommendations from the NJDEP.

Ms. Hayden asked how we prove that we took the stormwater management course. She did not see a form. People can send in the certification form or an email.

Adjournment: Mayor Schooler moved to adjourn, second Mrs. Paster. All in favor. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Crosman
Planning Board Secretary