

MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

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August 14, 2024
9:00 AM

PRESENT: Michael Shine, Chairman
William S. Agress, Vice-Chair
Kristin L. McLaughlin
Samuel Rubino
Marvin Ross
Basit Muzaffar, County Engineer
Maria Connolly

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Ridolfi, Planning Board Counsel
Matthew Zochowski, Planning Board Secretary

Chairman Shine called the meeting of the Mercer County Planning Board to order at 9:02 AM.

I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Mr. Zochowski read the statement of adequate notice. Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting and all meetings for the 2024 calendar year were sent to the Trenton Times on January 10, 2024, was posted in the County Administration Building on January 22, 2024 and was published in the Trenton Times on January 14, 2024.

II. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

All members except Dallas Barr were present for the August roll call.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Shine announced that minutes have been distributed from the July 10, 2024 meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comment or questions. Vice Chair Agress made a motion to approve the May 2024 Planning Board minutes which was seconded by Samuel Rubino. All members voted to approve the minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Shine asked if there were any public comments for non-agenda items. There were no public comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Zochowski mentioned that County Planning and Engineering staff have been coordinating with Princeton University on a variety to improvements around the campus area. County Planning Board have been seeing many of those applications over the years and recently approved the Lake Campus.
- Staff have been working with the University on improvements to Washington Road (CR 571). Improvements from roughly Bohem Walk south to the intersection of Faculty Road. Improvements that will improve safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Emily Goldman, Senior Associate and Director of Planning and Land Use Affairs for the University and Kristin Appleget, Assistant Vice President Community and Regional Affairs at Princeton University were present for the presentation. Mr. Aaron Feldman gave the presentation. Mr. Feldman explained what the project entailed and recent expansion of the University. Mr. Feldman talked about the University's transportation corridors and access through the campus. Connectivity is critical especially since much of the parking on campus is being moved around and there is a high use of bicycles on campus.
- Mr. Feldman explained how the University has been working on the Washington Road improvements with the County and phasing of these improvements. Bicycle lanes, shared use paths and multi-use paths are all proposed by the University. A modern roundabout is proposed for the intersection of Faculty Road and Washington Road.
- Marvin Ross had concerns about the bridge over Carnegie Lake and stress and weight of vehicles.
- There were some concerns from Vice-Chair Agress about the roundabout but Mr. Feldman and the County Engineer explained the benefits of the roundabout, especially the safety benefits. Level of service would actually improve for some legs of the intersection as part of the project. Work on these improvements in expected to wrap up by the end of 2026.
- Chairman Shine thanked the presenter and University on the presentation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Zochowski mentioned that there were new items of correspondence that were not listed in the agenda. They arrived after the agenda was sent out and did not make it into the packet. Both items were related to the JDN project. One item was a binder of information that Chairman Shine asked from the applicant of the JDN project. A physical binder with documents was received and is in the Planning Office for review by anyone interested.
- The second item of correspondence included the revised O&M Manual for the JDN project which was a condition of approval. Applicant has submitted all conditional approval items for this application and as a result, a final approval letter has been sent out for the project.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shine asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting and Samuel Rubino made the motion. Vice-Chairman Agress seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at with the following vote:

Y	Chairman Shine	Y	William S. Agress
Y	Commissioner McLaughlin	Y	Samuel Rubino
Y	Samuel Frisby	Y	Marvin Ross
Y	Maria Connolly	Y	Basit Muzaffar

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Zochowski, PP/AICP
Planning Board Secretary