

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation from the Parking Authority regarding the interim parking plan.

James Graziano, attorney for the Parking Authority, briefly explained the interim parking plan that was developed by the Parking Authority and Nexus Parking Systems. Mr. Graziano stated the Parking Authority is seeking review on three (3) locations. These locations will be used temporarily for about twelve months during the construction of the parking deck. The first location is Lake Avenue, which is part of The District at Metuchen. That is currently a vacant lot that will be improved with lighting, signage and stripping and will accommodate about 144 cars. The second location is 212 Durham Avenue. This site will accommodate 300 cars and will not have an attendant but will have a shuttle service that will run from the parking lot to the downtown location. The final location is the Friendly's parking lot, 550 Middlesex Avenue. This lot is used way under capacity by the restaurant. Only 44 spaces will be used.

There was a brief Board discussion on the parking locations and how the shuttle service will run. Mr. Graziano stated once work starts all lots will be in use, maybe June 1, 2015.

Mr. Renaud stated the Parking Authority is before the Board to present this concept plan. The Board does not have to approve the plan. It is more for the Board to see how the plan is operated. There is no expenditure of public funds so there is no need for any approval by the Board. This is just a courtesy review.

Beatrice Moskowitz joined the Board at 7:50 p.m.

Resolution #2015-107, referred to the Planning Board by the Borough Council, authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area known as Block 117, Lots 64, 65, 503 Middlesex Avenue is in need of redevelopment.

Mr. Renaud stated this resolution was referred to the Planning Board by the Borough Council. The next step will be for the Board to authorize the Planner to investigate and prepare a report for consideration. Then it will be the same procedure, as the Oakite site, whereby eventually there will be a public hearing with public notice.

After a brief Board discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Vahalla to authorize the Planner to prepare a report and map according to the statute, seconded by Ms. Maier. Roll call vote taken. Yes – Alexander, Clarkson, Erickson, Grossman, Maier, Mayor Vahalla, Leal, Moskowitz. Motion carried unanimously.

The public portion was opened. Since no one came forward, the public portion was closed.

Mr. Constantine informed the Board that there will be a public hearing on the study he prepared for the Oakite site, 700 Middlesex Avenue, at the June 4th Planning Board meeting.

The minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved as written. A motion was made by Mayor Vahalla, seconded by Ms. Maier. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Mayor Vahalla, seconded by Ms. Leal, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Hollis
Planning Board Secretary