

**THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**  
**Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes – 1 May 2019 5 p.m.**

Chairman Patrick Davenport called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and read the statement of compliance with the open Public Meetings Act.

Roll call was taken by the secretary: Alvarado, absent; Cava, absent; Davenport, present; D'Antonio, present; Melchiorre, present; Schiff, absent; Hunt, present; Mettler, present; Gould, present; Thompson, absent; Solicitor Belasco, present; Secretary Rogers, present.

Mrs. Gould moved to dispense with the public reading of the minutes of the meeting of 3 April and approve as distributed, Mr. D'Antonio seconded. Roll call: Hunt, yes; Melchiorre, yes; D'Antonio, yes; Cava, abstain; Davenport, abstain; Gould, yes. Minutes approved as distributed.

There were no applications to come before the Board.

There was one resolution memorializing Board action:

PB-19-09: reflecting approval of application PB-19-04-01 was adopted on motion of Mrs. Gould, second by Mr. D'Antonio and roll call vote: Hunt, yes; Melchiorre, yes; Mettler, abstain; D'Antonio, yes; Cava, abstain; Davenport, abstain; Gould, yes.

Mr. Schiff entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

There were no administrative resolutions.

Under Old Business there were no committee reports.

Under New Business the matter of small cell installations (poles) was introduced for discussion. Correspondence from Borough Solicitor Ron Gelzunas including a draft ordinance addressing these installations had been distributed to the Board via email. Board Solicitor Belasco offered background information regarding installations in other municipalities and 5G technology. Borough Business Administrator Connie Mahon joined the meeting. The Solicitor briefed the Board on FCC opinion. In-house procedures were discussed. Discussion ensued focusing on location of the installations; safety, especially concerns about radiation; esthetics and appearance, height and spacing of poles. The Administrator showed materials provided by AT & T, adding AT & T has no concerns about radiation. Mrs. Gould read an article telling of the City of Brussels banning such installations. Planning Board members agreed to table discussion and possible action on this matter until the meeting of 5 June.

The attention of the Board was directed to the memo from Borough Solicitor Ron Gelzunas addressing the history of liquor licenses in the Borough. Business Administrator Mahon explained the number and type of licenses the Borough could make available and said any referendum must be voter initiated. Solicitor Belasco noted the Borough is able to impose restrictions on any licenses, such as hours of operation, location of facility. Board members expressed concern about changing the character of the town, perhaps opening the door to alcohol consumption on the beach. Mrs. Gould opined that any referendum would bring a large turnout, and the majority of residents to whom she has spoken are opposed to liquor licenses in the Borough. Ms. Mahon noted that while it is permitted to BYOB in Borough restaurants, consumption on public property (beaches, parks, etc.) is currently prohibited.

Mr. Schiff said as a Planning Board member, he is often asked about public improvements underway in the Borough and asked why the Planning Board does not have input on these projects. Ms. Mahon said projects are listed on the borough website. The secretary reminded the Board that any questions should be referred to officials in Borough administration to avoid dissemination of incorrect information.

Ms. Mahon said she had just received the county's plan for the "road diet" on NJ Ave. and would share it with the Board through the secretary.

In the public portion, Jeff Walden, 6101 NJ Ave, spoke saying he appreciates the time and effort put forth by the Planning Board, and expressed that communication is key.

The Board will meet on 5 June 2019.

The date of the July meeting will be discussed in June as it is scheduled for 3 July.

There being no further business, Chairman Davenport adjourned the meeting on motion of Mrs. Gould, second by Mr. D'Antonio, and unanimous voice vote, at 6:40 p.m.

Deborah Rogers  
Planning Board Secretary