

Township of Bloomfield
Planning Board Minutes
Special Meeting
March 22, 2022

A special meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Bloomfield was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 with a start time of 7:00 p.m. Chairman LaQuaglia read the following statement:

“Notice of the time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent then known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting, in the following manner, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Law of 1975 (The Open Public Meetings Act)”:

- 1.) By posting such notice on the bulletin board of the municipal building and
- 2.) By mailing such notice to the office of the Independent Press, Bloomfield Life, Herald News and the Star Ledger.”

Roll call showed the following members present:

Mr. Harvey Mr. Lasek, Mr. Zitka, Councilman Rockwell, Councilwoman Mundell, Ms. Richardson, and Chairman LaQuaglia. Also present were Nicole Cosenza, Secretary to the Boards, Michael Rubin, Consulting Attorney to the Boards and Anthony Marucci, Consulting Engineer to the Boards.

Roll call showed the following members absent: Dr. Hill, Mr. LaForte and Mr. Babula.

Any and all discussion was recorded on audio tapes through the municipality and also through the Bloomfield Township Public Access TV Channel 35.

A memorializing resolution for 98 Broad Street was approved, moved by Mr. Zitka, seconded by Councilman Rockwell.

CASE A

Discussion of a proposed amendment to Chapter 315, referred by the Mayor and Council, to increase the number of cannabis retailers permitted within the Township of Bloomfield.

CASE B

Discussion of a proposed amendment to the Bloomfield Center Redevelopment Plan-Phase II, referred by the Mayor and Council, to permit cannabis retail sales.

Testimony and discussion followed on the first 2 items simultaneously. Bonnie Flynn (Township Planner) presented.

A motion was made to approve and send back to the Mayor and Council, moved by Mr. Zitka, seconded by Ms. Richardson. All voting members voted yes on the motion and both proposed amendments were sent back to the Mayor and Council.

CASE C

Discussion regarding hiring someone to prepare a redevelopment plan for Block 244, Lots 10, 15, 41, 42 and 46 better known as 675-699 Bloomfield Avenue, 34-40 State Street and 14 State Street.

A motion was made by Chairman LaQuaglia to hire Paul Phillips of Phillips Preiss to prepare a redevelopment plan for the above-mentioned property, seconded by Mr. Zitka. All voting members voted yes on the motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Cosenza
P/Z Secretary to the Boards