

**BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN  
PLANNING BOARD  
MARCH 1, 2021**

Present: Thomas Fritts, Jennifer Elder Brady, Dan Payson, Allison Arnone, George Fallat, Joseph Fidler, Robert Mayer, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Lynne Meara, Jamie Ford, Ron Kuzma, and Thomas Monahan, Sr. (arrived 7:23 pm)

Absent: Borough Attorney Michelle Donato, Esq. and Board Planner Andy Thomas

Also, Present: Board Secretary April Claudio

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act was provided to this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Borough bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Public comments on items not on the agenda: Carla Lebentritt, 78 N. Main Street, asked about the Mercer Corporate Park project. Ms. Meara explained it is not an Allentown Planning Board matter however Mayor Fritts will report on it. Ms. Lebentritt wanted to know what Allentown is doing to protect their town. Mayor Fritts offered her to call him anytime to discuss the project.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mayer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Elder-Brady, Mr. Payson, Ms. Arnone, Mr. Fallat, Mr. Fidler, Mr. Mayer, Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Meara

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

Council Update: Mayor Fritts stated he is working on fighting the warehouses in Robbinsville. Their residents are not fighting the same fight as Allentown. There is a concern this project will open up new commercial space and new highway exits. Michelle Donato and the town engineers are doing a lot behind the scenes in hopes of negotiating with the developer to address concerns. Anyone with comments or questions on this could attend the next Council meeting. The Council is also working on the wastewater treatment plant and speed limit signs.

Ms. Elder Brady asked about the steep slope ordinance. Ms. Meara stated Ms. Donato is reviewing it and addressing her concerns in writing, with hopes of discussing it at next month's meeting. Ms. Elder Brady asked about the storm water ordinance and Mayor Fritts stated the Environmental Commission's comments are being reviewed with the Borough engineer to ensure the ordinance is better aligned with Allentown's needs. The storm water ordinance is required to be updated by all towns in NJ.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Arnone and approved unanimously.

