

**BERGENFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 2023**

Chairman Robert Rivas called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

In compliances with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Record, Star Ledger, and Cablevision, posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards and published on the borough website.

Any board member having a conflict of interest involving any matter to come before the board this evening is reminded they must recuse himself/herself from participating in any discussion on this matter.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Amatorio, Phil Neville, Robert Rivas, Romeo Abenoja, Ernesto Acosta, Ben Cabrera, Jason Bergman, and Praveen Joseph

**Absent:** Councilman Lodato and Miguel Vasquez (excused)

**Also Present:** Gloria Oh, Planning Board Attorney and Hilda Tavitian, Planning Board Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Council member Acosta.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – March 27, 2023**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cabrera

**Second By:** Mr. Bergman

**All ayes. None opposed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter along with an application for 32 Chovet Terrace, a single family dwelling, was received from Bergen County Soil Conservation District for soil erosion and sediment control plan certification. No action necessary.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Comments by members of audience on matters not on evening's agenda

No one came forward.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Site Plan – No report.
2. Parking Legal – No report
3. Capital Improvements – Mayor Amatorio stated they are continuing to resurface the roads. The construction of the new municipal building will be completed by the fall and will probably move in in September. The old building will be removed in October/November. The area the old building is will be part of the parking lot and there will be an area to hold events.
4. Master Plan – No report

5. Liaison to Board of Adjustment – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Site Plan Application: Samiron Group, LLC  
50 McDermott Place  
Construct an addition

Chairman Rivas stated a letter was received from the applicant's attorney requesting a postponement until the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting due to his client being ill. The application is carried to next month's Planning Board meeting with no further notice necessary.

2. Ordinance 23-2617 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 186 of the Code of the Borough of Bergenfield, Entitled "Land Development"

Board attorney Oh stated the ordinance amends in schedule A, zone P, the designation of the cell tower and in schedule B, zone P, the height of the cell tower not to exceed 70 ft.

Mayor Amatorio stated the cell tower will be dismantled and will still be within the borough hall's property. It will be in the area close to the police garage and further away from the new municipal building.

Board member Neville stated the cell tower will be by the fire training center.

**Motion to Accept & Recommend Ordinance**

**Motion By:** Mr. Bergman

**Second By:** Mr. Abenoja

**All ayes. None opposed.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

**Motion By:** Mr. Bergman

**Second By:** Mr. Joseph

**All ayes. None opposed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilda Tavitian, Clerk  
Planning Board