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PLANNING & ZONING

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**PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2016**

Chairman, Bob Preston called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

ROLL CALL: Thomas, Smith, Sugden, Armstrong, Seher, Dacanay, Howell, Preston
Absent: Ciccone, Horton

REGULAR MEETING

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote: Minutes of April 13, 2016 meeting and April 27, 2016
Motion to approve – Greg Seher – second – Mayor Armstrong
All were in favor.

Vote: D&R for Appl. #1-2016 for Margaret Howlett – Block 24 – Lot 7.10 and 6 – Howlett Lane for
Minor Subdivision Approval with variance

Motion to approve – Greg Seher – second – Mayor Armstrong
ROLL CALL: Armstrong, yes; Seher, yes; Dacanay, yes; Preston, yes

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Andy Previti – Howlett - \$206.77

Mike Fitzgerald – Absecon Gardens - \$26; Conifer Realty - \$52 – ABVisions - \$533 – Howlett - \$325
Bel Air Lakes - \$26 – general Planning Board matters - \$26

Motion to approve – Brad Smith – second – Betty Howell
All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Plan Discussion

Bob – the committee has had a few meetings and have discussed a number of issues and we now have a draft that we will review and get back together again. We are making progress, but he would like the committee to review it before he comes back to discuss it with the whole board.

Rob – put together a fee schedule of comparisons with other towns and handed it out to everyone and explained it.

Mike – discussed how escrow fees work

Mayor – explained a grant application that the City has in to the DEP for bulkhead work at Church St. Euclid Drive, Berkley, Tremont and Natalie Terrace. It would be from 4-5 ft. high made out of white vinyl. A walking path will be made parallel along the creek side for owners and renters to access. We probably won't here until June if we get the grant. He has met with residents who have objections to this work. There will be a meeting next week with himself, the council president and the city engineer and any resident who would like to attend to get an explanation of the project.

Bob – we don't really have any jurisdiction over this project and have not received any request from council to look at it.

Mike – it's a city project. If the DEP does approve it, at what extent can the plans be revised and is the height determined by the DEP?

John – he thinks there is flexibility in the revisions and yes the height meets the 50 year storm requirements.

Brad – wanted to know why a 50 year storm was decided on and not a 100 year storm.

Mayor – doesn't really know that answer. Maybe that was the minimal required.

PUBLIC PORTION

Carl Robinson – 414 Pitney Road – he owns a dock down there and he wanted to know what right of way or public access means. What does the city use for consideration when using those terms?

Al Newman – 59 Natalie Terrace – thanked the Mayor for his summary. His concerns are the purpose of it and the needs and have we looked at alternatives. Is this needed for any part of the Absecon Creek redevelopment plan?

Mayor – he doesn't think so.

John Jenkins – 22 E. Church St. – his family has a dock down there. He's glad about fixing up down there, but his concern is access to the dock on the creek side of the bulkhead.

Teresa Robinson – 414 Pitney Road – we drive by every day to check on the boats from the road now, but if a wall goes up we won't be able to and won't know what is happening behind that wall.

Jeff Jenkins – 2 Euclid Drive – he's been here 16-17 years and he lost most of his house to Sandy and he rebuilt and raised it. He overlooks the creek and it should never flood again. His neighbor did as well. He's concerned about the wall blocking the view and the location of the bulkhead. He's

Brad – spoke on a presentation he attended on the Absecon Creek watershed. They talked about using some information as a source for appropriate signage on Faunce Landing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – John Thomas – second – Brad Smith
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lawler

Approved: _____