

READINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2023

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Hindle at 7:00 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

The Board took a moment of silence to honor and remember those whose lives were lost or affected as a result of this day twenty-two years ago.

ROLL CALL

Board Members in Attendance:

Allen, J.
Cook, J.
Filler, C.
Hindle, J.
Hendrickson, N.
John, C.
Mueller, A.
Panico, V.
Villa, C.
Izzo, T.

Board Members Absent:

Becker, R.

Ms. Filler moved, and Ms. Allen seconded a motion to excuse the absence of Board Member Becker. The motion carried unanimously.

Member	2023 Excused Absences	2023 Unexcused Absences
Allen		
Becker	1(9-11)	
Cook	1(4-10)	
Filler	1(6-12)	
Hendrickson	1(8-28)	
Hindle		
John		
Mueller	2(7-10, 8-28)	
Panico	2(1-9, 5-22)	
Villa		
Izzo		

Others Present:

Board Attorney Jonathan Drill, and Board Secretary Ann Marie Lehberger.

MINUTES

Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Mueller abstained.

Mr. Cook moved, and Ms. Filler seconded a motion to approve the August 28, 2023, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Referral- Ordinance #25-2023

An Ordinance amending Chapter 148 entitled “Land Development” of the code of the Township of Readington land use volume pertaining to bamboo plantings and other invasive plant species

Mr. Mueller moved, and Ms. Filler seconded, a motion to advise the Township Committee that the Board finds Ordinance #25-2023 to be not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The roll call vote follows:

Member	Motion	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Not Eligible	Recused
Allen			X					
Becker						X		
Cook			X					
Filler		X	X					
Hendrickson			X					
Hindle			X					
John			X					
Mueller	X		X					
Panico			X					
Villa			X					
Izzo							X	

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

Memo from Township Committee- Complete and Green Streets Resolution and Policy

The Board reviewed the Township Committee’s suggestion to eliminate the following wording from the resolution:

“In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, and/or bicycle facilities cause an increase in project costs in excess of 20%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would have to be funded with local tax dollars, then and in that event, approval by the Township Committee must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project”.

The Board discussed and agreed that this section could be removed. They also discussed and agreed to edit the policy as suggested by Board Member Becker to eliminate item#12 which establishes an advisory subcommittee. It was noted that the following sentence from item #12 be added to #11.

“Beginning with the planning stage, the Township of Readington shall identify an existing process or develop a new process that allows for public participation in decision-making concerning the planning, design, and use of streets and roadways covered by this Policy”.

It was also noted that the word “advisory” or “teams” should be removed where referencing a committee at all places in the document.

Ms. Filler moved, and Mr. Hendrickson seconded, a motion to send the revised Complete and Green Streets resolution and policy to the Township Committee for their review and consideration for adoption. The roll call vote follows:

Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Not Eligible	Recused
Allen			X					
Becker						X		
Cook			X					
Filler	X		X					
Hendrickson		X	X					
Hindle			X					
John			X					
Mueller			X					
Panico			X					
Villa			X					
Izzo							X	

Mr. Panico requested that an update on the status of the review by the Route 22 corridor subcommittee be provided at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Filler moved, and Mr. Panico seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann Marie Lehberger
 Planning Board Secretary