

A meeting of the Township of Hamilton Planning Board was held on the above date with Chairman David Wigglesworth presiding. Other members present were Harry Bilicki, Richard Cheek, Wayne Choyce, Aline Dix, John Percy and Heather Tomasello and alternate member David Adams.

Also present were Board Planner Consultant, Vincent Polistina and Board Solicitor John Rosenberger.

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was acknowledged.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Percy moved, seconded by Mr. Bilicki, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2014, as published. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH EIGHT MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Decision and Resolution: #2013-12 Mercato Market. Block 1135.02 Lot 10.01

Discussion ensued concerning the D&R.

The noted changes are: The D&R number will be changed to reflect the application number (#2013-012) as well as the addition of the word *annually* to the condition of approval for the applicant to satisfy any additional operational requirements imposed by the Hamilton Township Police and Fire Departments.

Ms. Tomasello moved, seconded by Mr. Bilicki to approve the Decision and Resolution #2013-012 Mercato Markets as amended. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH EIGHT MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Sign Ordinance discussion: Mr. Polistina, Board Planner began the discussion on his modifications and additions to the current sign ordinance.

Discussions were had concerning existing non-conforming signs such as the statues at Canals Liquor Store. The statues are attention getting devices. The addition to the ordinance definition is “any static device such as monuments, statues, or bands of light or dynamic...” However if this ordinance is passed those statues would not have to be removed. They would be considered an existing non conformity.

Questions were raised concerning:

§203-142 (c) Advertising vehicle signs:

A car with a banner advertising a business is not allowed, but a car that is wrapped advertising their business is allowed. You cannot park a vehicle with a banner advertising a business to avoid the regulations for a free standing sign.

§203-144.1 (6) Electronic signs:

A definition has been added “sign, digital display—a free standing sign erected for the purpose of displaying information or an image using any form of electronic technology such as Light Emitting Diodes (LED) or Liquid Crystal Devices (LCD)

No building mounted electronic sign is allowed in the ordinance. Digital Display sign are only allowed in the Design Commercial, Highway Commercial and Recreation Commercial districts.

§203-144.1(1) ... digital display technology may dedicate up to 25% of the permitted sign area to the digital display portion of the sign. For a maximum of 15sq ft for the digital display portion.

§203-141 (h) Window signs: Shall not exceed 25% of the area of the window.

No changes have been made to decrease or increase the area of signs allowed in the window. This wording already exists in the current ordinance.

§203-144.4 Special regulations for off-site commercial advertising signs.

This section refers to agricultural off site signage

Public Comment – Chairman Wigglesworth opened the meeting to public comment and there was no response.

Board moved and seconded by Mrs. Dix, to close the public portion of the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, (NO) “NAY”, (NO) “ABSTAIN”.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Alleyne,
Planning Board Administrator