

# Franklin Borough Planning Board

## Meeting Minutes for

March 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Christiano, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mr. Christiano Statement of Compliance pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975.”

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

John Christiano – Chairman (Present)  
John Friend – Vice Chairman (Present)  
Wes Suckey (Absent)  
Jim Williams (Present)  
James Nidelko (Absent)  
Michael Raperto (Present)  
Floy Estes (Present)  
Councilman Concetto Formica (Present)  
Mayor John Sowden (Present)  
Sharon Schultz, Alternate 1 (Present)  
James Affinito, Alternate # 2 (Present)

### ALSO, PRESENT:

Thomas Molica, Planning Board Conflict Attorney  
Tom Knutelsky, Planning Board Engineer  
Jessica Caldwell’ Dykstra Planning Board Planner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Christiano asked for approval for the **February 7, 2024** meeting minutes.

**Mr. Friend made** a motion to approve the **February 7,2024** meeting minutes.

Seconded by **Mr. Raperto**

#### **Upon Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Williams, Raperto, Schultz, Affinto**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Sowden**

#### **Approved**

Mr. Christiano asked for approval for the **February 20, 2024** meeting minutes.

**Mr. Raperto made** a motion to approve the **February 20 ,2024** meeting minutes.

Seconded by **Mr. Williams**

#### **Upon Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Formica, Sowden, Williams, Raperto, Schultz,**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

#### **Approved**

Mr. Christiano asked for approval for the **February 20, 2024 Executive** meeting minutes.

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**Mr. Williams** made a motion to approve the **February 20 ,2024 Executive meeting** minutes.

Seconded by **Mr. Friend**

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Formica, Sowden, Williams, Schultz,**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Raperto, Affinto**

**Approved**

**APPLICATIONS FOR COMPLETENESS:**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION:**

There are none.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:**

Irving Fabrication, LLC 597 Route 23 Block 102, lot 3 Preliminary & Final Site Plan.

Mr. Molica asked for the council representing Irving to go on record first for what they are looking to achieve this evening. Then Mr. Molica will do the same.

Mr. Calli stated that he was here this evening along with the applicant of Irving Fabrication to continue from where they left off at the last hearing date of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Calli stated that they intend to be very brief and give the board a quick summary of the last meeting and will allow the board to ask any questions they may have and hope to bring this application to a vote.

Mr. Molica thanked Mr. Calli and introduced himself as Mr. Thomas Molica who is sitting in for Mr. Brady has the conflict attorney do to a resident who was expressing her concerns about the project who also happened to be Mr. Brady's client.

Mr. Molica agreed with Mr. Calli and stated that this should be brief and that we were not here this evening to go over the application in its entirety.

Mr. Molic asked for Mr. Calli to processed.

Mr. Calli thanked Mr. Molic and proceed to give a brief summary of the application.

Mr. Calli asked if the board members had any questions.

Mr. Raperto asked if it has been noted that there will be a KNOCKBOX at the gate & on the structure. Mr. Calli stated yes.

Mr. Friend asked if there could be shrubs and trees around the property to distract from the building for neighbors.

Mr. Calli stated that they will do what was recommended by the planner's report.

Mr. Conklin the owner stated that it would be painted in earthy tones and will blend in well to the already wooded area.

Mr. Calli stated if there are no further questions we would ask that the board bring this matter to a vote.

Mr. Christiano stated before doing that he needed to open the meeting to the public.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Christiano opened the meeting to the public for questions or concerns in regards to this application only. Not seeing anyone come forward Mr. Christiano closed the meeting to the public.

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Mr. Christiano asked for any more questions from the board members or the professionals. Not hearing any questions Mr. Christiano asked Mr. Molic to briefly go over the conditions that have been noted.

Mr. Molic recited the conditions also stating that he would review with Mr. Brady as well, comparing his notes from the last meeting.

Mr. Christiano asked for a motion on behalf of this application.

Mr. **Sowden** made a motion to Seconded by Mr. **Formica**

### **Upon Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Formica, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Schultz, Affinto.**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

**Approved**

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Christiano opened the meeting to the public. Not seeing anyone come forward Mr. Christiano closed the meeting to the public.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Schultz asked if the board was going to move on with the COAH obligations. The A4 & S50 have been passed by the assembly.

Mr. Christiano stated that he would like to address that when Mr. Brady is back.

Mr. Molic agreed to table that conversation till the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Christiano stated that there was a TCC meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 in in regards to 68 North Church Rd.

Mr. Christiano stated that if anyone else wanted to attend hey would be more then welcome just reach out to Michelle to let her know and that she can keep track of who will be attending because of course there can not be more a quorum.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Sowden** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Friend** seconded it.

**All were in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:57