

**Township of Egg Harbor
Planning Board**

June 18, 2012

Solicitor: Christopher Brown, Esq., present
Engineer: James A. Mott, P.E., of Mott Associates, not in attendance
Planner: Vincent Polistina, P.P., of Polistina and Associates, present

A regular meeting of the Planning Board of Egg Harbor Township was held on the above date, 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, Egg Harbor Township Hall, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The Chairperson opened the meeting by reading the statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Public Notice/Roll Call:

Manuel E. Aponte, another engage.	Robert Levy, present
Committeeman John Carman, present	Mayor James J. McCullough, Jr., present
Milas Cook, Alt. #1, present	Peter Miller, Township Administrator, present
Charles Eykyn, present	Paul Rosenberg, present
James Garth, Sr., Chairman, present	MD Shamsuddin, Alt. #2, on vacation
Frank Kearns, present	

OTHER MATTER(S):

1. **SP 08-12** **Atlantic City Expressway R-O-W
Milepost 6.7**
South Jersey Transportation Authority

Discussion/Presentation: Pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31** the South Jersey Transportation Authority is presenting discussion to the Planning Board of Egg Harbor Township as a courtesy for their review and recommendation to establish and maintain a 65' foot high pole mounted billboard sign at Milepost 6.7 (Westbound) within the right of way for the Atlantic City Expressway. The proposed sign will be back-to-back with each façade being 960 sq. ft. (each side)

When erected this billboard will be a static sign, however, it could be converted to a digital billboard sign when and if South Jersey Transportation Authority deems necessary.

Keith Davis, Esq., introduced himself as attorney for South Jersey Transportation Authority in connection with this application. He advised this is not the traditional application the Board is accustomed to hearing because the applicant is a State Agency it is exempt from local planning review. However, the statute requires the applicant to make a courtesy application to come before the Board for review and recommendation on the development in order to proceed for an offsite advertising sign.

Attorney Davis advised the sign is to be located at Mile Post 6.7 Westbound on the Atlantic City Expressway at the exit of 7N onto the Garden State Parkway. The sign is proposed to be 65' ft high and 960 sq. ft. on each side of this double sided identification sign.

Attorney Davis advised he has Mr. Adam Burket, on behalf of the entity who will be constructing the sign and also the project engineer Mr. John Barnhart from Ponzio and Associates is here to answer any questions the Board may have.

Board Solicitor Brown asked that anyone who will be testifying stand up to be duly sworn. Attorney Davis stated if the Board wants additional testimony the individuals can be sworn. It is up to the Board this is not a traditional application.

Chairman Garth stated he is away the authority has placed billboards on the expressway in the past and the Board has been accommodating with the pursuit of their request. Chairman Garth asked if there were any questions from any members of the Board.

Township Administrator Miller asked if there is a plan to show where it will be located. Attorney Davis

advised yes. He asked if Mr. Barnhart could be duly sworn.

Board Solicitor Brown has duly sworn the following individual's:

John Barnhart, P.E., New Jersey Licensed Engineer, Ponzio and Associates, Atlantic City, New Jersey:
Mr. Adam Burket, duly sworn:

Attorney Davis presented **Exhibit A1: aerial photograph**, Engineer Barnhart advised Exhibit A1: is an aerial photograph of the general area. He stated for references purposes he noted the location of the Expressway, the Fire Road overpass, and the Exit 7 North ramp. Engineer Barnhart stated the sign will be immediately adjacent to the Exit 7 North ramp. He pointed to a white icon on Exhibit A1 which shows Atlantic Avenue which Lafayette Utility Construction Company and Ferriozzi Construction Company are located on. Engineer Barnhart advised this is a very industrial area.

Attorney Davis asked Engineer Barnhart if the applicant meets the 1,000 ft. distance requirements as per the Department of Transportation requirements. Engineer Barnhart stated yes.

Board Member Levy asked if the applicant were to go to digital would it be a changing digital? Has that been allowed? Attorney Davis advised the current proposal is for a static traditional billboard, which the Board is accustomed to, but down the road it could be converted for digital purposes. He stated this is not the current intent but wanted apprise the Board that it could be something in future.

Board Member Levy asked if this is allowed. Engineer Barnhart stated the sign will not be flashing it will change however every six (6) or seven (7) seconds. Township Administrator Miller stated it will be every eight (8) seconds. Engineer Barnhart stated it still will not be a flashing/moving.

Township Administrator Miller referring to Exhibit A1 stated West Bound there appears to be another white board. He asked if this is the one that is 1,000' ft. away. Engineer Barnhart stated that is another board. Township Administrator Miller asked what is the distance between the two (2)? Engineer Barnhart stated he will provide a reference. He advised there is about 927' ft. from the proposed to the overpass so he would say the other billboard is at least 2,000 ft. away.

Township Administrator Miller asked if the Transportation Authority has went out to bid on this sign or getting approval first. Attorney Davis advised the contractor for the sign is present. It will be Garden State Outdoor and Mr. Burket is here on behalf of the entity. Township Administrator Miller asked how quickly will the sign be placed up. Mr. Burket stated within 60 to 90 days, pending a Department of Community Affairs building permit we are subject to since it will be built on State property and we are subject to all State and Federal guidelines.

Motion Carman/Eykyn to open public portion. Vote 9 Yes:

May the record reflect no one came forward

Motion Eykyn/Carman to close public portion. Vote 9 Yes:

Township Committee Carman asked if the applicant needed an official action of the Board? Attorney Davis advised he does not, however, if he receives a copy of the minutes from the meeting to show the applicant was here, this was presented to the Board for review and recommendation it can be sent to the South Jersey Transportation Authority and the Department of Transportation to confirm this application complied with the statutory requirements.

MEMORIALIZATION OF RESOLUTION(S):

1. **SDF 02-09**
Drozdov, Sporkin and Lister, LLC

Final Major Subdivision
5202/21 &22
Chelsea Avenue

Motion Carman/Eykyn to memorialize resolution granting requested checklist waiver(s) and conditional final major subdivision approval. Vote 6 Yes: Carman, Cook, Eykyn, Kearns, Levy, Garth.
1 Abstention: McCullough

2. **SP 03-12**
Heavensway Baptist Church

Minor Site Plan
4102/45
5082 Tremont Avenue

Motion Carman/Eykyn to memorialize resolution granting requested checklist waivers, requested variance(s), and conditional minor site plan approval Phase I and II. Vote 6 Yes: Carman, Cook, Eykyn, Kearns, Levy, Garth. **1 Abstention:** McCullough

SUMMARY MATTER(S):

1. Discussions of matters pertaining to the Board:

a. **Egg Harbor Township Ordinance No. 22 of 2012:** an ordinance to amend Chapter 225 of the Township Code entitled "Zoning" specifically RG-1 through RG-5 Residential Districts, as amended.

Township Administrator Miller advised at the Board's last meeting Ordinance #22-2012 was discussed and the Board voted that it was consistent with the Master Plan. He stated when the Ordinance came up for public hearing it was noticed there were two (2) typographically errors in the Ordinance.

Township Administrator Miller stated RG-1, RG-2, RG-3, RG-4 and RG-5 and its one (1) unit, two (2) unit, three (3) unit, four (4) unit, five (5) unit, per acre. He stated somehow in cutting and pasting RG-4 and RG-5 became three (3) units per acre.

Township Administrator Miller advised based upon this Governing Body is amending the Ordinance and the public hearing is coming up on the 20th. So it has been referred back to the Board. The Board will have to find it consistent with the Master Plan before the Governing Body votes upon it.

Motion Rosenberg/Eykyn to recommend Ordinance No. 22 of 2012 (as amended) to Township Committee for review and approval finding it meets the requirements of the Master Plan. Vote 9 Yes: , Carman, Cook, Eykyn, Kearns, Levy, McCullough, Miller, Rosenberg, Garth

Township Administrator Miller asked if there was anything pending for next month. Secretary Wilbert stated there is a minor subdivision pending, however, there will be other applications anticipated for submittal. Stated she is not sure if the Board will have a July meeting, especially considering there will be no resolutions to memorialize.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held on **Monday, July 16, 2012, 5:30 p.m., prevailing time.**

Motion Carman/Eykyn to adjourn at 5:43 P.M. Vote 9 Yes:, Carman, Cook, Eykyn, Kearns, Levy, McCullough, Miller, Rosenberg, Garth

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Wilbert, Secretary

