

Ventnor City
Planning Board
Minutes
March 11, 2015

1. Flag salute
2. Roll call

Absent

Comm. Sarno
Don Siglin, Jr

Present

Bob Landau
Roman Zabihach
David Holtzman
Steve Rice
Dan Smith
Chief Hazlett
Tom McAdam
Jay Cooke
Mayor Bagnell

3. Adoption of Feb 2015 minutes: Motion was made by Mayor Bagnell and second by Bob Landau.
4. Adoption of Resolutions : NONE
5. Applications: NONE
6. Discussions:

An on-going discussion in reference to a new landscaping ordinance. Mr. Hurless discussed his letter dated Feb 3, 2015- a draft in this he wanted to provide a more comprehensive landscaping requirement.

Questions and concerns came up in reference to who this would effect, everyone??or those doing new construction? Only those who have to raise their homes due to more than 50% damage??

Public portion opens at 7:05pm- Mr. Brian Callaghan, Esq. He brought up the fact that Ventnor is unique in the fact that we have a lot of smaller lots, 32 ft. 34 ft, etc that if we apply this present concept it might overwhelm the smaller lots. The board should look at

possible making a number of trees, shrubs based on the size of the lot that is being discussed.

Public portion closed at 7:12pm.

The board took a vote at tonight's meeting to revise the draft landscaping ordinance Mr. Hurless presented earlier based on changes discussed to night and then bring to the planning board next month.

Also discussed was "substantial damage". The board also took a vote on the discussion at tonight's meeting (based on Mr. Hurless draft dated Feb 3 2015), Mr. Hurless will revise the recommendation agreed upon at tonight's meeting which are: 5% ground coverage for front yard, 40% of market value of the structure, this would apply to all new construction, and then ask Mr. Sabatini to come to next month's meeting to discuss this recommendation. Motion was made to approve this recommendation with the changes as discussed by Bob Landau and second by Roman Zabihach.

April's agenda will include:

City Engineer, Mr. Sabatini coming to discuss a grant program from the State of NJ Community Forestry Management Plan.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Tom McAdam and seconded by Mayor Bagnell.