

Township of Egg Harbor
Planning Board
Executive Session

May 20, 2024

Planning Board Professional(s):present

Solicitor: John A. Ridgway, Esq., Ridgway Legal, (present)
Planner: Jen Heller, Polistina Associates
Engineer: Brandon Riggs, Mott Watkins Associates

Members present:

Manuel E. Aponte-present	Mayor, Laura Pfrommer -present
Charles Eykyn- present	Raj Rajput- present
James Galvin-present	Victoria Schiffler -present
Paul W. Hodson, present	

Motion Hodson / Eykyn to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation matters pertaining to the Board, falling within the exception of the Sunshine Law.

VOTE (7) Yes: Aponte, Eykyn, Galvin, Hodson, Pfrommer, Rajput and Schiffler

Ridgway announced that the lawsuit against the planning board by Garden State Outdoor, for the construction of a billboard which was denied by the planning board has been heard by Judge Blee and that the planning board won the case.

Ridgway discussed the litigation between the Planning Board vs. Garden State Outdoor and indicated that Garden State's claim that the ordinance pertaining to the 1,000-foot distance from an intersection requirement, was actually constitutional and that the claim was arbitrary and added that Marc Friedman and the JIF Counsel did a great job. Ridgway stated that the Board has been vindicated and told that they acted appropriately. Ridgway also indicated that the trial court pointed out that the comments from the board were related to safety and that if any board members have a reason when they vote, they should put it on the record.

Solicitor Ridgway then indicated that Garden State Outdoor has appealed the Judge's decision.

Board member Hodson stated that there are other places that are more appropriate for a billboard.

Solicitor Ridgway then explained that Craig Hurless of Polistina Associates had provided his notice to his employer and that Jen Heller would be representing Polistina Associates until a replacement was found and spoke highly of Ms. Heller as he has worked with her in Galloway and is fully capable and up for the task.

Motion Galvin/ Rajput to reconvene to the public meeting.

VOTE (7) Yes: Aponte, Eykyn, Galvin, Hodson, Pfrommer, Rajput and Schiffler

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Kelly, Deputy Land Use Administrator