

## ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference  
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, April 24, 2017.  
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**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **April 24, 2017** at 7:35 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members:   Everett Merrill  
                              Keiona R. Miller  
                              Frank Righetti (absent – excused)  
                              Wendy Schaefer  
                              Douglas M. Singleterry  
                              Frank “Skip” Stabile  
                              Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present:         Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor (7:43 p.m.)  
                              David E. Hollod, Business Administrator  
                              John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
                              Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk  
                              Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, Deputy Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Schaefer.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 28, 2016. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on November 29, 2016, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* on December 1, 2016 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Carlson, 174 Willow Avenue Extension, North Plainfield, shared his concerns with the volume of on street parking in his neighborhood due to activities in Green Brook Park. He called for consistent police enforcement of Ordinance No. 7-3.4.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, urged for the use of Borough email addresses by all elected officials.

George Hellerman, 1300 Rock Avenue, Apt. C7, North Plainfield, asked if the town had received any benefit from South Jersey Energy; the Council President advised they had not.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Land Use Ordinance – Limiting Impervious Surfaces** – W.S. Ms. Schaefer spoke in favor of limiting impervious surfaces on private property, specifically to deter residents from paving their yards. Mr. Stabile inquired after State statutes governing same. Mr. Hollod confirmed there are federal guidelines in place. The Council members agreed to move forward with the ordinance.

2. **Banning the Sale of Dogs and Cats from Pet Shops** – W.S. Ms. Schaefer explained her desire to ban the sale of dogs and cats from puppy mills and only allow adoptions from rescue groups or shelters. Mr. Singleterry concurred, stating that the issue is over-breeding. Responding to Mr. Merrill's concerns about the possible sale of dogs and cats from the new Petco store, Ms. Schaefer advised that Petco works with approximately 4,000 rescue groups and has adopted out approximately 5 million animals. All Council members voiced their support of moving forward with the ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Limousine Ordinance** – L.L.R. Council President La Ronde explained the need for continued review of the ordinance to assure adherence to state statutes.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:**

Mr. Merrill reported that the next Board of Education meeting would include budget discussion. Over-usage of Krausche Field remains a concern, specifically soccer players using the field without the proper permits. Parks and Recreation will host movie nights beginning in June and continuing through August. The Fishing Derby will be held Saturday and a surveillance camera will be installed at Green Acres Park.

Mr. Singleterry announced that Clean Communities Day would be held May 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the Vermeule Community Center.

Mayor Giordano reported on recent discussions with the superintendent and Mr. Sternberg regarding Krausche field usage.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Merrill and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President