

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
July 17, 2019

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
Trustees: Darren Kaplan, Alina Hendler, Phil Bornstein

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:00pm, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the June board minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

There are no Architectural Review Board projects before the Board for the month of July, if there are any in August they will come before the Board in September, as the Board of trustees does not meet in August.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to introduce Law #2 to amend Village Code Chapter 111- Peddling and Solicitation; all in favor.

It was brought to the attention of the Village Attorney and Mayor Lopatkin that the current Solicitation Law is not sustainable, there has been recent case law and actions against some Villages which have undermined their restrictions. We need to amend the Local Law to allow the Solicitors their right to freedom of speech but also give our residents their rights to privacy. We have a two-fold change of the law. We have modified the hours for Solicitation they will be from 9am until dusk, Monday through Friday, and we have eliminated the ban on commercial solicitation We have also enhanced our No solicitation list and are now calling it "Do Not Knock Registry".

Solicitors must obtain an application from the Village Clerk along with the "Do Not Knock" list. They will pay a permit (fee of \$250.00) and that permit will be good through December 31st of that year.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #2 on September 11, 2019, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to introduce Local Law #3 amend Landscaping Ordinance Section 108-6; all in favor

In response to concerns raised from various quarters about some houses that have

no Landscaping at all and should there be some minimal requirements as well as erosion control. This is an amendment to our current Landscaping Ordinance as well as to address Landscing on the weekends. The Board discussed different areas of the Law and made some changes. The Village will contact residents that change their landscaping and do not abide by this amended law.

As for a Homeowners doing their own Landscaping on the weekends, they can only use non-commercial machinery equipment.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 on September 11, 2019, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Mayors Report:

Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey brought to the Mayors attention a feel good story about an employee of Meadow Carting that saved a dog that ran away. Both Mayor Lopatkin and Councilwoman Lurvey will be giving an citation to David Harvey of Meadow Carting on August 1, 2019.

Mayor Lopatkin will be officiating a wedding in our Gazebo for one of our Residents grandsons.

Mayor Lopatkin will be attending the NCVOA dinner on September 19, 2019.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to adopt a resolution that we have conducted the required examination of our Village court fiscal year ending February 28, 2019, seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin stated that we have \$6500.00 left from a Court grant to replace flooring in the Village Hall. The Village Clerk declared that we do not have enough to replace all the floors, so we have scheduled for some of the rugs to be replaced at this time. We have scheduled the job for sometime in September.

Tree Commissioner Report:

Trustee Hendler stated that we have planted 6 new Village trees. Henry from Old Village Tree will be pruning and taking down Village trees throughout the Village in August.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan accept the Police and Treasurers reports.

Executive Session: 8:50pm

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.