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Bedminster Planning Board meeting Notes (Special)

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Special Meeting, January 29, 1963

The Planning Board of the Township of Bedminster met in special session on this date. Members present were Vice-Chairman Slater and Mr. Winkler. Others present were Mr. Ten Eyck, Planning Consultant Agle and the Secretary.

Mr. Agle scheduled the following special meetings:

February	25, 1963	- Municipal Building
March	19, 1963	- Slater Residence
April	22, 1963	- Municipal Building
May	27, 1963	- Municipal Building
June	24, 1963	- Municipal Building
July	22, 1963	- Municipal Building

It was agreed that, whenever possible, Mr. Agle would meet with the Planning Board following the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Mr. Agle advised those present that he has been talking with officials of the New Jersey State Highway Department in connection with the alignments of Routes F.A.I. 78 and 287. He stated that what happens east of Route 287 and east of Route 78 intersection is not going to have too much effect on the balance of the township. If there are sufficient controls in the Zoning Ordinance, the township could have motels, research and light industrial development. Mr. Agle advised that the Planning Board can explore the possibilities for this area or can decide that it would be preferable for people to pass through the township without stopping. Mr. Agle advised that he would look into the total acreage involved in the area in question.

The Secretary advised that Chairman Fales wishes the Board to consider the commercialization of the area east of State Highways 202-206 from Moore's Bridge to the intersection of Lamington Road and State Highway # 206.

Mr. Ten Eyck stated that the area referred to by Mr. Fales has been under consideration as a park area. Funds for such an area could be obtained through the Green Acres program.

Mr. Agle advised that he believes that it is right to avoid urbanization and small lot zoning. He further advised that he is in sympathy with large acreage zoning. Mr. Agle stated that the Schley Mountain property would require very specific regulations as to water supply and sewerage disposal. He stated that he believes there is still time to arrange for access to and egress from the new freeways within the township.

Mr. Ten Eyck stated that he feels that we could still approach the State Highway Department and ask for access to F.A.I. # 78 if the township wants such access.

A general discussion of the growth of F.A.I. # 287 followed.

Mr. Ten Eyck questioned as to the effect a public sewerage system would have on any given area. He questioned as to how the township would go about holding back development once a sewerage system is installed.

Mr. Agle stated that, once a public sewerage system is installed, you cannot hold back development. He mentioned the advent of improvement assessments and the fact that those who are serviced by a sewerage treatment plant must pay the cost.

The question of the bad influence caused by truck traffic travelling across I-78 twenty-four hours a day was considered by those present. Mr. Agle advised that the grades along the freeway have been well engineered. He stated that the greatest evil associated with the highways is the possibility of a truck terminal. This involves the resistance of pressure through good zoning.

The question of employment of personnel by light industry and its effect on residential units was discussed by the Board. The Secretary agreed to ask County Planning Director Roach for figures on resident and non-resident employees of Bridgewater Township plants. Mr. Agle advised that he would be in touch with Mr. Roach at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Secretary:

Stan B. Roberts