

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD**

**August 8, 2016**

**4:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hand, who stated that all requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act of 1975" had been met with the Press of Atlantic City having been notified of the Board's schedule for 2016 on December 18, 2015, and the schedule having been posted on Stone Harbor's website and the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Jill Gougher  
Thomas Hand, Chairman  
Robert D. Bickford, Jr.  
Mantura Gallagher  
Lynne Dubler (Alternate)

**Board Solicitor**

Andrew Catanese

**Board Secretary**

Diane Frangiose

**Members Not Present:**

Mayor Suzanne Walters  
Wayne Conrad, Vice-Chair

**Zoning Officer**

Joanne Mascia

**Approval of July 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Gougher to approve the Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Gallagher. No further discussion took place. Roll call taken for members present at the July 18, 2016 meeting. Affirmative votes: Mrs. Gougher, Mr. Hand, Mr. Bickford, Ms. Dubler and Mrs. Gallagher.

**Outdoor Dining Sub-Committee Report**

Mr. Hand stated the topic is still being explored by the Sub-Committee. Ms. Dubler said business owners will be contacted after the summer season to find out if there is any interest in pursuing outdoor dining. Mrs. Mascia stated the Borough allows tables and chairs not in the public right of way, now, without permission from the Planning Board. Mr. Hand said Mr. Conrad was suggesting that tables be allowed on the sidewalk in the public right of way. Mrs. Mascia asked if a business would need a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Borough if tables are in the public right of way and Mr. Catanese stated that if that happens, Borough Council would take an active role and enter an Agreement giving a License allowing businesses to operate in the town's right of way. Mr. Hand said business owners will have difficulty finding insurance companies agreeing to such an Agreement. The topic will continue to be explored by the Sub-Committee before it is presented to the Town Planner for review.

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**Discussion of Street Parking Meters**

Mrs. Gallagher led the discussion stating that the subject of parking meters had come up at a Council Meeting by an individual who approached Council President, Karen Lane. The gentleman lives in an area that once was a business and it no longer is, so for that reason, there are two meters on 99<sup>th</sup> Street next to the building. It is now a residential area and he would like those meters removed. Since then, the Mayor has pointed out there are other places throughout the town that have meters in a residential area. Mrs. Gallagher said Council Member, Barry Mastrangelo, told Council if the two meters are removed, it could cause a larger issue for other residential meters on other streets. Mr. Bickford said there are considerations that go beyond the Planning Board's function in removing parking meters, for example, the amount of revenue to be lost if meters are removed and how it will affect the annual budget for the town. Planning Board members agreed and Mrs. Gallagher stated she will advise Council in her report at their next meeting, that the area is zoned commercial and there is skepticism from the Planning Board on approving the removal of parking meters.

**Board Discussion**

Mrs. Gallagher stated that Council Member, Josie Rich, advised Council she observed RV vehicles parking overnight in parking lots with people sleeping in them. Mrs. Gougher advised the final recommendation of Council's discussion on the issue was to bring it to the Planning Board to talk in general about parking Ordinances. Mr. Hand said he is in agreement for vehicles to be parked overnight in metered lots but not to allow sleeping in vehicles. Mr. Bickford agreed with Mr. Hand. Board Members agreed that Mrs. Gallagher should report to Council that the issue is one of enforcement and should be brought back to Public Safety to handle.

Mrs. Gallagher stated the subject of beach tents will be discussed by the Beach Recreation & Tourism Committee concerning large tents being set up next to each other looking like communes and left overnight on the beach. Planning Board members discussed it and agreed that since the tents are not permanent structures, the issue should be regulated with enforcement by Public Safety.

**Public Comment**

No one spoke. Public Session Closed.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, Mr. Hand called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gallagher made the Motion and Mr. Hand seconded the Motion.

APPROVED: September 19, 2016

ATTESTED: Diane Frangiose  
Diane Frangiose, Secretary Stone Harbor Planning Board