

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD
OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES**

June 10, 2021

Chair Martin Kane read the Open Public Remote Meeting Notice published in the Citizen on June 2, 2021 and Daily Record on May 26, 2021: Adequate notice of this meeting was posted with the Borough Clerk and on the Front Door on May 24, 2021 and made available to all those requesting individual notice and paying the required fee.

Start: 7:32 PM

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kane, Horan, Holliday, Coppola, Shepherd, Berei, Menard, Russo, Lane and Leininger

Members Absent: Stern

Also, Present: Attorney, Peter Henry

Also Absent: Engineer, Bill Ryden

REVIEW OF MINUTES: none

RESOLUTIONS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

PUBLIC HEARING: none

Other Matters –

Committee Reports – none

Ordinance 11-21 – Amending Chapter 245 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes “to make Cannabis Establishments Prohibited Uses within the Borough of Mountain Lakes”

Martin Kane asked Mr. Henry to begin the discussion on the Ordinance. Peter Henry said this was a unique Ordinance to compare to the Master Plan. Since the use of Cannabis was not covered the Board would be voting to find the Ordinance not inconsistent with the plan. Meghan Leininger asked for clarification was CBD counted as a prohibited substance. Would a liquor store that sell seltzers with CBD in it no longer be able to do so? Mr. Henry responded the state statute deals with the traditional cannabis products. Many towns are not permitting cannabis use in their communities, so they have time to consider any relevant issues. Audrey Lane added CBD and THC are treated differently. John Horan concurred they were treated differently under the law.

Mr. Henry pointed out one typo needing correction.

David Shepard made a motion to find the Ordinance not inconsistent with the Master Plan and the second was provided by Nick Coppola. The Board voted 9 – 0 with members voting Kane, Horan, Holliday, Coppola, Shepherd, Berei, Menard, Russo, Lane and Leininger in favor.

The Board will stay remote through the July meeting set for the 22nd at 7:30. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd at 7:30PM.

Martin Kane made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Shaw, Secretary