

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**

Heard and Decided: May 4, 2016
Case Nos.: PB-16-05C, PB-16-06C and PB-16-07C
County of Essex/Turtle Back Zoo

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Land Use Law §40:55D-31 the Board has heard a proposed capital improvements by the County of Essex for construction of three (3) improvements at the Turtle Back Zoo which is County-owned property located at 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ, said premises being designated on the municipal tax map as Block 163, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Board having heard the presentation and having performed its review pursuant to MLUL 40:55D-31 hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Board accepted into evidence the following Exhibits:
 - A-1 Enlarged Aerial View of the Zoo, prepared by French & Parrello Associates, dated 4/7/16
 - A-2 Schematic Relation and Aerial Rendering of Sea Turtle Recovery One-Story Structure prepared by Comito Associates PC
 - A-3 Concept Plan for Sea Turtle Recovery, prepared by Comito Associates PC, dated 4/5/16, (6 sheets)
 - A-4 Concept Plan for Shade Structures prepared by French and Parrello dated April 5, 2016
 - A-5 Site Plan for Prairie Dog Exhibit, signed by Andrew L. French, P.E., French & Parrello Associates, dated 2/17/16
2. Mark Fleder, Esq., introduced the applications.

PB-16-05C Sea Turtle Recovery Exhibit

3. Applicant called Darrell F. Alvarez, PE, RA who testified that Applicant proposed a new one-story structure of approximately 2,800 sq ft for the purpose of rehabilitation for injured sea turtles. The building would have a triage area as well as an ICU room and rehabilitation area. A separate area will be for zoo patrons observe the animals. The new building and exterior walkways would meet accessibility requirements. The proposal was described on Sheets T-1, SP-1, SK-1, SK-2, SK-3 prepared by Comito Associates dated April 5, 2016.

PB-16-06C Prairie Dog Exhibit

4. Applicant introduced Michael Piga, LLA who was sworn and qualified as a licensed landscape architect. Mr. Piga stated that Applicant proposed to rehabilitate the existing Prairie Dog Exhibit located within the zoo. The rehabilitation will consist of increasing the height of the glass barrier around the exhibit, removing existing concrete and install stamped concrete, adding mushroom themed stools and tables, adding a new rubber mulch surface to be used by visitors and finally replacing the existing wood split rail fence with a new split rail fence and additional landscaping. The proposal was described on Site Plan for Prairie Dog Exhibit Conservation Area prepared by French and Parrello dated February 17, 2016.

PB-16-07C New Shade Structures Over Amphitheatre and Sea Lion

5. Applicant recalled Mr. Piga who described the proposed renovations which involve adding shading structures to cast shade over portions of the Sea Lion exhibit and Amphitheatre all as set forth on the Concept Plan for Shade Structures prepared by French & Parrello dated April 5, 2016.

6. The Board finds that the proposed projects and capital improvements are not contrary to the Master Plan of the Township of West Orange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of West Orange that it finds that the proposed project and capital improvements are not inconsistent with the West Orange Master Plan.

Certified to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted on the 1st day of June 2016.

Robin Miller, Secretary

Vote on the Action Taken by the Board –PB-16-05C

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BAGOFF			*			
CARLUCCI						*
EBEN			*			
GHEBREMICAEL		*	*			
GURLAND			*			
KLEIN (1 st alt.)						*
LESTER						*
MCCARTNEY			*			
WEGNER (2 nd alt.)			*			
WILKES			*			
WESTON	*		*			

Vote on the Action Taken by the Board –PB-16-06C

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BAGOFF			*			
CARLUCCI						*
EBEN			*			
GHEBREMICAEL			*			
GURLAND			*			
KLEIN (1 st alt.)						*
LESTER						*
MCCARTNEY			*			
WEGNER (2 nd alt.)		*	*			
WILKES			*			
WESTON	*		*			

Vote on the Action Taken by the Board –PB-16-07C

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BAGOFF		*	*			
CARLUCCI						*
EBEN			*			
GHEBREMICAEL			*			
GURLAND			*			
KLEIN (1 st alt.)						*
LESTER						*
MCCARTNEY			*			
WEGNER (2 nd alt.)			*			
WILKES			*			
WESTON	*		*			

Vote on the Memorializing Resolution

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BAGOFF						*
CARLUCCI						
EBEN			*			
GHEBREMICAEL			*			
GURLAND		*	*			
KLEIN (1 st alt.)						
LESTER						
MCCARTNEY			*			
WEGNER (2 nd alt.)			*			
WILKES						*
WESTON	*		*			