

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
December 16, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Board was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: Douglas Borgstrom, Frederick Cain, Shane Fleming, Colleen Herbert, Robert Higgins, Rudy Ocello, Dalpat Patel, Scott Preidel, and Secretary Ashley Jolly. Randy Allen was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Preidel, followed by the flag salute and the following opening statement: Adequate Notice has been provided for this Special Meeting and has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board of the Township of Mansfield, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, notice of which contained the date, time, place, and purpose of this meeting stating that formal action may be taken.

**Comments from the Board:**

**Chairman Preidel** stated that he would like to ask the Township Committee to write a letter to the NJDOT in reference to left hand turns off of Route 206 North in Columbus. Pulling into businesses across double yellow lines, there is a lot accidents there. The Planning Board has approved some commercial development there and there is still a lot more that can be improved in that area. One of the improvements was for a daycare facility and he stated his uneasiness because of the amount of cars that have been rear ended in that area. **Committeeman Cain** confirmed that a letter can be sent to NJDOT.

**Vice Chairman Borgstrom** also had a concern regarding traffic. He stated that he would like to ask the Township Committee to approach the County, regarding County Route 543 from West Main Street to Jacksonville Road, and ask the county to do a traffic study to potentially drop the speed limit to 35 mph. With the amount of commercial development in the Homestead I and II plaza, a daycare center going in there, and dealing with the traffic issues, 45-50 mph and people really do 60 mph; this is entirely too fast. Living on East Main Street when the County put the speed humps in and there was a 25 mph speed limit enforced at that time. This change has dramatically improved the neighborhood feel in that area. He believes the Township Committee should consider talking with the County to taking that neighborhood feel and the safety concerns out to Jacksonville Road limiting the speed to 35 mph. **Chairman Preidel** stated he agrees with Mr. Borgstrom on this issue. The road is heavily congested and he thinks it would help things out. From previous experience, on his own road they lowered the speed limit on Mansfield Road West to 35 mph and it really has helped.

**Public Comment:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Executive Session:**

A motion to go into executive session to discuss professional appointments for the 2020 year was offered by **Chairman Preidel** and seconded by **Vice Chairman Borgstrom**. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session was offered by **Committeeman Cain** and seconded by **Vice Chairman Borgstrom**. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion for Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by **Committeeman Cain** and seconded by **Mr. Fleming**. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Date Approved:**

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**Ashley Jolly, Land Use Coordinator**

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