

**BERGENFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2026**

Vice Chairman Jason Bergman called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notice of this meeting was posted on a municipal public notice bulletin board and published on the borough website.

Any board member having a conflict of interest involving any matter to come before the board this evening is reminded they must recuse himself/herself from participating in any discussion on this matter.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led By Board member Familia.

There was a moment of silence for the late Chairman Robert Rivas who passed away. Vice Chairman Bergman stated he was an amazing person, great personality, funny, and someone who was respected. It is a big loss to the Borough and to this Board. He will be missed.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER**

Edgar Dimaren

Oath of office was administered by Board attorney Oh.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Amatorio (arrived 8:10pm), Romeo Abenoja, Ernesto Acosta, Jason Bergman, Edgar Dimaren, Oriole Familia, and Yehuda Borg

**Absent:** Joseph Picheo, Councilman Thomas Lodato, and Praveen Joseph

**Also Present:** Gloria Oh, Planning Board Attorney and Hilda Tavitian, Planning Board Clerk

**Nomination of Chairman:**

**Jason Bergman**

Motion by: Board member Familia

Second by: Board member Dimaren

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

**Nomination of Vice-Chairman:**

**Oriole Familia**

Motion by: Mayor Amatorio

Second by: Chairman Bergman

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – March 4, 2026**

Motion By: Board member Abenoja

Second By: Board member Familia

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Three letters were received regarding applications for 207 Melrose Avenue, 111 Dudley Drive, and 11 Marcotte Lane from Bergen County Soil Conservation District. No action required, just advisory.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

**Comments by members of audience on matters not on evening’s agenda**

No one came forward.

**Motion to Close Verbal Communication**

Motion By: Chairman Bergman

Second By: Board member Familia

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Site Plan – Chairman Bergman stated there was a meeting regarding the new development on 150 S. Washington Avenue. They presented their plans. The Fire Department, EMS, and the Planning Dept. were present. They received some answers to be able to move forward.
- 2. Parking Legal – Mayor Amatorio stated they are still awaiting the resolution between the Borough and the construction company that built the parking lot. There is a pending legal matter.
- 3. Capital Improvements – No report.
- 4. Master Plan – No report.
- 5. Liaison to Board of Adjustment – At last month’s meeting, there were a couple of things on the agenda. One of the presentations for a project was moved from the June meeting to the July meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. ETD Discount Tire  
220 South Washington Avenue  
Request for Extension

Mark Madaio, 29 Legion Drive, Bergenfield, NJ, attorney for applicant stated ETD Discount Tire is Goodyear. In July of 2022, an approval was received to convert from Goodyear to ETD Discount Tire. They had also received county approval. The statute permits two years plus three one-year extensions which can be applied for at any time. Mr. Madaio stated they are currently in the fourth year. Mr. Ravenda would like them to submit permit applications within four months. Therefore, the extension being requested is for four months. Mr. Madaio stated the only problem he foresees is the county’s approval from 2022. If there is a problem, he will come back to the Board.

Chairman Bergman stated he would love to see the business open and it would be a great addition to the town. He inquired if there will be any issues of deterioration with the site as it sat for a couple of years.

Mr. Madaio stated the original application was made in the name of Mr. Boyle’s children. He is retired, but wanted to be here. The plans he has are the architectural plans.

Chairman Bergman inquired if anything from the original approval will be changing.

Mr. Madaio stated there are no changes, the exact same approval from 2022. There is a little addition to the rear of the building. They are swapping signage from Goodyear to ETD. There were no variances

granted then, and there are no variances to be granted now. It's a permitted use. Mr. Madaio's response was no.

Questions from Residents/Public:

No one came forward.

Motion to Approve Extension for Four Months

Motion By: Mayor Amatorio

Second By: Chairman Bergman

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion By: Board member Abenoja

Second By: Board member Familia

All present, voting in favor. None opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilda Tavitian, Clerk

Planning Board