BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
PLANNING BOARD
August 5, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

The Public Meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Norwood was held in council chambers on the above date.

Mr. Harper stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, pointed out the exits and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Board:

Mayor James Barsa	Present
Councilman Joseph Ascolese	Present
Mr. Christopher Jackson	Present
Mr. Walter Deptuch	Present
Mr. John Barry	Present
Mr. Travis Harper	Absent
Ms. Kate Cerbasi	Present
Mr. Sal Nobile	Absent
Mr. Paul Haberman	Absent
Mr. Dominick Congiusti	Present
Mr. Kevin Fischer	Present
Mr. Bill Bochicchio	Present

Also, Present:

Mr. Robert Regan	Board Attorney
Mr. Scott Loverich	Borough Engineer

Mr. Congiusti made a motion to approve the July 1, 2026, minutes. Mr. Barry seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Application PB 26:05
Nicholas Ferrara
677 Broadway
Block 120 Lot 25

Mr. Regan swore in the Applicant Nicholas Ferrara.

Mr. Ferrara said he would like to put a fence in the front yard to stop the deer and give privacy from Broadway. The deer are eating the hedge. There is currently a temporary fence where the fence would be. The height of the fence will be 6 feet.

Mayor Barsa said from his own experience he put a fence around his property and landscaped both sides of the fence. He has not had deer since then.

Councilman Ascolese asked what kind of fencing it will be. Mr. Ferrara said the fence would be a solid wood fence that would be permanent. Councilman Ascolese asked how many feet from the sidewalk the fence would be. Mr. Ferrara said about 23 feet from the sidewalk.

Mr. Fischer asked what is shown on the left-hand side of the plan. Mr. Ferrara said it is a return.

Mr. Loverich asked the applicant if he felt the fence will be an enhancement. The applicant replied that it would be.

Mr. Regan advised the variances needed are that the fence is more than 50% solid and 6 feet tall in the front of the property.

Mr. Congiusti made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mayor Barsa seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Barry made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Congiusti seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Mayor Barsa said in a year or two you will not be able to see the fence.

Mr. Jackson asked to include a stipulation that there will always have to be a hedge in front of the fence. The applicant said he will do his best to keep the hedge in front of the fence.

Councilman Ascolese said considering the fence is 24 feet back and not close to the sidewalk makes a big difference.

Mayor Barsa said he feels this is a good plan and will help with the deer issue.

Mayor Barsa made a motion to approve application PB 26:05, 677 Broadway. Councilman Ascolese seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Congiusti made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mayor Barsa seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Barry made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Congiusti seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Congiusti seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Ms. Cerbasi thanked the Board and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta, Board Secretary