

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS**  
**29 PARK AVENUE**  
**BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NJ 07922**

Pursuant to this **PUBLIC NOTICE** of the Planning Board of the Township of Berkeley Heights (“Board”), the Board states that:

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.* (“LRHL”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcel(s) of land situated within the municipality constitute an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the LRHL, no parcel(s) of land shall be declared an area in need of redevelopment without the municipality having first authorized its planning board, by way of resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the subject parcel(s) meet the statutory criteria of an area in need of redevelopment as defined in the LRHL; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights (“Township Council”), by way of Resolution No. 115-2020, adopted on March 24, 2020, authorized the Board to undertake a preliminary investigation of the area consisting of Block 502, Lot 3, as identified on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Berkeley Heights, along with all streets and rights of way appurtenant thereto (collectively, “the Study Area”), to determine if the Study Area, or any portion thereof, meets the criteria set forth in the LRHL and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment and shall authorize the Township of Berkeley Heights to use all those powers provided by the Legislature except that any redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the Township of Berkeley Heights to exercise the power of condemnation or eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2020, the Board considered, upon referral from the Township Council, Resolution No. 115-2020 and voted to authorize the Township Planners to prepare a map of the Study Area, including a statement setting forth the basis for the investigation, the preparation of a map of the Study Area, and to perform a preliminary investigation of the Study Area to determine whether the Study Area is an area in need of non-condemnation redevelopment pursuant to the LRHL.

**NOW THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Board of the Township of Berkeley Heights shall conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.**, utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting service, a cloud platform for video and audio conferencing across mobile devices, desktops, and telephones. The Berkeley Heights Town Hall is currently closed to the public due to the Coronavirus Health Emergency.

A specific “zoom room” has been set up by the Township of Berkeley Heights for these virtual public meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/3575747364>

Meeting ID: 357-574-7364

Password: 360071

Although the above information should be sufficient, more detailed instructions on how to participate in the meeting will be available on the Township website ([www.berkeleyheights.gov](http://www.berkeleyheights.gov)) approximately two days prior to the meeting date of May 6.

At the aforementioned public hearing on May 6, 2020 the Township Planners, Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC, shall present a map of the Study Area and the findings of its preliminary investigation of the Study Area so that the Board may determine whether the Study Area is in need of non-condemnation redevelopment as defined in the LRHL. Members of the public, or those who would be affected by a determination that the delineated area is an area in need of non-condemnation redevelopment (“interested parties”), may participate in the virtual Planning Board meeting or have their attorney participate to present any objections or comments regarding the map and preliminary investigation of the Study Area.

The Board shall also accept written objections and/or comments until the close of the public hearing by the Planning Board. These comments or objections should be mailed (to Town Hall, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights NJ 07922, attention: Board Secretary) or emailed to the Board Secretary, Connie Valenti, at [cvalenti@bhtwp.com](mailto:cvalenti@bhtwp.com).

A copy of the map, the statement setting forth the basis for the investigation and the preliminary investigation may be found on the Township website through the following link to the Planning Board page:

<https://www.berkeleyheights.gov/199/Planning-Board>

Members of the public or any interested parties lacking the resources or ability to access the documents may contact the Board Secretary so that other arrangements can be made for viewing or obtaining copies of the documents.

Also, please contact the Board Secretary at least two days in advance of the meeting if you need assistance in order to join the Zoom meeting. The contact information for the Board Secretary is as follows:

Connie Valenti  
Board Secretary  
Township of Berkeley Heights  
29 Park Avenue  
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922  
Phone: 908-464-2700, Ext. 2124  
Cell: 908-963-3454  
Email: [cvalenti@bhtwp.com](mailto:cvalenti@bhtwp.com)

The Board Secretary may be reached during regular business hours of the Township of Berkeley Heights (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Fridays, except during the summer season when the office closes at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays).