

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Planning Board was held on the noted date, in the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road (County Rt. 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey; in conjunction with virtual meeting procedures via ZOOM. Chair Rosalind Westlake opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT

Chair Westlake read a statement noting that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Trenton Times, and Star Ledger, posted on the Delaware Township bulletin board and filed at Town Hall; all on January 6, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Class I	James Waltman (7:39 p.m.)
	Class II	Elliot Gray
	Class III	Joe Vocke (7:35 p.m.)
	Class IV	Joan Bailly , Dave Bond, Larry Coffey, Kathy Katz, Richard Macomber, Rosalind Westlake
	Alternate	Mark Wright
	Liaison from	Chuck Cline, Caine Fowler
	ZBA	
	Advisor	Christian Bench
	Administrative Officer	Kathleen Klink
	Attorney	Steven Goodell, Esq.
	Engineer	C. Richard Roseberry, P.E.

Absent: shown by strikethroughs

Chair Westlake noted that Karl Pittenger has expressed an interest in the Alternate II position. Administrative Officer Klink stated that she will send a Citizenship Leadership form to him and then have it submitted to Township Committee for approval.

It was further noted that Advisor Bench wishes to remain in that position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING of September 7, 2021

Prepared minutes were distributed to members for review. Member Macomber made a motion to approve the minutes from the noted meeting. Member Katz seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Correspondence: BILL LIST – no bills submitted

CORRESPONDENCE – Old Business, to include Memorializations - none

CORRESPONDENCE – New Business, to include Applications – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scheduled Committee Meetings

Subdivision and Site Plan Review Committee - second Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., as needed per applications submitted. *Member Bailly to report.* Members: **Bailly**, Katz, Westlake; with Easement Monitoring Committee of the Environmental Commission
No applications

Agricultural Advisory Committee – first Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.; *Member Coffey to report*
Members: Bond, Coffey, Bench

Member Bond stated that the Committee has a concern about a preserved farm that is not being farmed. He noted that he will pursue further information on this.

Member Bond also stated that an application for another farm to be preserved is being considered. He noted that this farm has been considered in the past.

Open Space Committee – third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., except January 14 and February 11;
Member Coffey to report. Members: Westlake, alternate Coffey

Chair Westlake reported that there is still no Open Space Coordinator. She noted that there are forms that need to be completed to keep Delaware Township in the line for funding.

Chair Westlake further noted that Blue Acres money is being considered as an option for use in the buyout of some of the creek properties along the Wickecheoke. She noted that private funding is also being researched.

Mayor Waltman appeared, via Zoom, at this time, 7:39 p.m. He noted that the buyout for these properties is sitting on the governor's desk for approval.

Non-Scheduled Committee Meetings, please give me notice for proper newspaper notification, if needed

Master Plan Committee – *Member Westlake to report*; members: Coffey, Westlake

Chair Westlake reported that the Committee has made a great deal of progress on the Reexamination Report. She noted that the Planner is needed to review the State and County changes, and to update the Census information.

Chair Westlake stated that the Reexamination is open to the Planning Board members for any recommendations. She also noted that the Committee hopes to have a draft ready for review in November or December.

Ordinance Review - *Member Coffey to report*; members: Coffey, Katz, Westlake

No meeting

Quarry Compliance Committee – *Member Bond* (Board Representative)

Member Waltman reported that a meeting is to be scheduled with Trap Rock. Also in attendance will be Mayor Waltman and Member Katz.

Stormwater Management Committee – *Member Gray*

Not present

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., *Liaison Cline*

Liaison Cline reported that the Board is busy, with two use variance applications scheduled for October 11; and one use variance scheduled for October 28, a special meeting for the Board.

Environmental Commission – third Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., *Liaison Katz*

Liaison Katz noted that the EC did meet and had some events rescheduled, due to Tropical Storm Ida. Household Clean Up Day was moved to November 13. The Delaware River Clean Up is scheduled for October 16; Administrative Officer Klink reported that the registration is closed for this event. March on Litter is still on for October 9.

Member Katz also reported that the EC is preparing a survey to gauge resident interest in a Community Garden.

Historical Advisory Committee – second Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., *Liaison Vocke*

Liaison Vocke stated that he was not at the last meeting.

Shade Tree Commission – fourth Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., *Liaison Coffey*

Liaison Coffey stated that the Shade Tree Commission will recommend the removal of the dead ash trees that surround the play equipment at Dilts. He noted that it appears as though the spotted lanternfly is on the decline.

Liaison Coffey stated that the Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission are considering a joint meeting to have a talk about trees and what to replace the ash trees with.

Meeting opened to the Public for Comments or Questions

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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No comments

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn at the noted time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Klink,
Administrative Officer