

MINUTES OF DELAWARE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

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HYBRID IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL via ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: May 2, 2023

Chairwoman Westlake called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Chairwoman Westlake read the Public Notice Requirements.

The Notice Requirements called for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Said Notice was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Times (of Trenton), and the Star-Ledger. Said Notice was posted in the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed in the Board Office; all on February 3, 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bailly, Katz, Goldman (via Zoom), Macomber, Vocke, Waltman, Westlake

Mr. Coffey arrived at 7:48pm

MEMBERS ABSENT

Herman, Gray, Wright

LIASONS IN ATTENDANCE

Adam Pate - BOE

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Chuck Cline - BOA - Absent

PROFESSIONALS/STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

1) Denise Filardo, Board Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

1) MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2023

Tabled until the next meeting to make corrections.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

There were no bills to approve.

DISCUSSIONS

1. Spring Walk Assessment with goHunterdon

Ms. Katz reported that she will contact Ryan Fisher of goHunterdon to schedule the walk for an afternoon in June.

2. Amendment to the Circulation Plan Element of the Master Plan

Chairwoman Westlake asked that Board members review the circulation plan in preparation of discussion at the June 6th meeting.

It was discussed and decided that the circulation plan documents be sent to Amanda Kahn, the DPW Director and that she be invited to the June 6th meeting to offer her input.

3. Review of Trap Rock Industries' Annual Ground Water Monitoring Data

Ms. Katz reported that she has met with Adam Wisniewski, Township Engineer. The Board moved to send the 2022 data to the Hydrogeologist.

CORRESPONDENCE: OLD BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE: NEW BUSINESS

1. 2005 Master Plan Amendment Circulation Element 09-05-2005.
2. 2005 Master Plan Circulation Element Roads 09-05-2005.
3. 2005 Master Plan Amendment Resolution 09-06-2005.
4. Review of Trap Rock Industries' Annual Ground Water Monitoring Data.
5. Lambertville Well Monitoring 2022 – Trap Rock Industries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subdivision and Site Plan Review Committee

Report tabled as committee did not meet.

Ag. Advisory Committee

Mr. Coffey reported that the committee just met and had an interesting conversation regarding residents wanting to grow cannabis and it was suggested that the Planning Board take it under advisement.

Mr. Waltman noted that under the advice of the Township Attorney, the Township opted out of all cannabis related activities from August of 2022 through August of 2027. There are a lot of regulations and the Township Attorney advised that we wait and see what the State produces.

Mr. Coffey reported that the NJCF and a Food Shelter would like to start a program consisting of twenty acres in Delaware Township to learn about farming. They recommended we visit one of their active sites in Andover, NJ which we did, and we were not impressed as some of the individuals did not know anything about farming.

Discussion ensued among Board members regarding the following:

- What authority if any would the Township have?
- Is the NJCF providing guidance/training?
- The contract needs to be reviewed.
- Does the Township have an interest in the property?
- We should discuss with Oen Space.

Open Space Committee

Ms. Westlake reported that the Township has not approved rearrangement of the committee and appointing of seats, she has sent a letter to the Township Committee.

Master Plan Committee

Ms. Westlake stated that the Master Plan was just discussed.

Ordinance Review Committee

Mr. Coffey: no report as the committee has not met.

Quarry Compliance Committee

Mr. Macomber reported that deteriorated fence boards were replaced, and the Quarry remains dormant.

Ms. Katz reported that they met with the Township Engineer in April to review their 2022 license and there are some missing copies of permits/plans which are needed to satisfy the EIS. Trap Rock thought they had supplied everything to Colliers, so they now need to do so.

Stormwater Management Committee

Mayor Herman: report tabled as Mr. Herman was absent.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment

Secretary Filardo reported the following:

- An application seeking bulk variance relief to construct two (2) additions to an existing single-family dwelling will be heard at the next meeting.

Board of Education

Mr. Peyton reported the following:

- The roof replacement will hopefully be started at the end of the school year and completed by September.
- Dr. Weiner, the School Superintendent, has stepped down. Communication to parents and a community survey were sent out. Applications are due by May 30th. We are also in search of hiring a Supervisor of Special Services and a Supervisor of Curriculum.

Environmental Commission

Ms. Katz reported the following:

- Master Gardeners Program.
- The ANJEC grant was submitted, and we should be notified by May 13th. We would use the grant funds to cover the cost of printing flyers and mailing letters to all property owners with conservation easements on their property notifying them of the dos and don'ts.
- Having a meeting to discuss stream corridors, how to prevent/control runoff, proper planting instead of rain gardens which are both expensive and labor intensive.
- The importance of posting the trail and other information put on the Township website, to show residents what their tax dollars have paid to preserve.
- The Grant Committee is scheduled to meet next week, and we will prepare memos for the Planning Board to review next month.

Historic Advisory Committee

No report as Mr. Herman was absent.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Coffey reported that there was some confusion and the trees for Higgins farm have not been ordered. The second graders should have received their dogwood tubelings for Arbor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public in attendance via Zoom.

Mr. Pate reported that the Green Farm Lane street sign is missing. Mr. Waltman stated he would speak with Amanda Khan about a replacement sign.

There were no other members of the public in attendance.

There were no other comments from Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Macomber and seconded by Mr. Herman and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Filardo

Planning and Zoning Board Secretary

These minutes were adopted on June 6, 2023.