

MINUTES OF DELAWARE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

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HYBRID IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL via ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: September 5, 2023

Chairwoman Westlake called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

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

Herman, Goldman, Katz, Macomber, Wright, Waltman, Westlake

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bailly, Coffey, Gray, Miller

LIASONS IN ATTENDANCE

Adam Pate - BOE

Chuck Cline - BOA

PROFESSIONALS/STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

1) Denise Filardo, Board Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

1) MEETING MINUTES – JULY 7, 2023

A motion was made by Mr. Macomber seconded by Mr. Wright to adopt the July 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes. This was approved by voice vote with Mr. Herman and Mr. Goldman abstaining.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

A motion was made by Mr. Herman seconded by Mr. Wright to approve payment of the non-escrow bills. This was approved by roll call: Herman yes, Gray yes, Coffey yes, Katz yes, Macomber yes, Wright yes, Westlake yes.

DISCUSSIONS

Spring Walk Assessment with goHunterdon took place on July 20, 2023.

Ms. Katz communicated that there was no presentation, however they had an interesting discussion. Ms. Katz provided the Board with an update of the discussion which included and was not limited to the following:

- Current goals;
- Pedestrian Accommodation and Activity Plan;
- goHunterdon's support of what we currently have in place;
- A sidewalk is a pathway to get from point A to point B and is not necessarily constructed of concrete;
- Number of existing crosswalks, speeding and traffic calming;
- Connecting of activity centers.
- Suggestion to contact the County Engineer who can assist with things like painting the speed limit on the road.

Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Board consideration to add a Sidewalk Circulation Plan for Rosemont as a new Master Plan goal.

CORRESPONDENCE: OLD BUSINESS

- Memorialization(s) - None.
- 2005 Master Plan Amendment Circulation Element 09-05-2005.
- 2005 Master Plan Circulation Element Roads 09-05-2005.
- 2005 Master Plan Amendment Resolution 09-06-2005.

CORRESPONDENCE: NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance No. 2005-03LU An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending the Land Use Ordinance.
- Resolution of the Delaware Township Planning Board Adopting Township Master Plan Amendments to the 2000 Reexam Report and to Section 3.0 Land Use, of the Delaware Township Master Plan, 1994 Revision, adopted February 15, 2005.

Chairwoman Westlake announced that the above two new business items will be pushed back until she meets with Board Secretary Filardo to review files.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subdivision and Site Plan Review Committee

Report tabled as committee did not meet.

Ag. Advisory Committee

Report tabled as Committee is meeting tonight.

Open Space Committee

Chairwoman Westlake reported that the Committee discussed the following:

- Discussion of the Sustainable New Jersey Grant;
- Possibility of a Land Conservancy Program;
- An outside contractor who may be able to provide Open Space Coordinator services;
- A new application was received, and Bob Hornby is assisting us with it.

Master Plan Committee

Chairwoman Westlake stated that there is no report at this time.

Ordinance Review Committee

No report as there have not been any ordinances to review.

Quarry Compliance Committee

Mr. Macomber reported that Committeeman Bower communicated that the Engineering Reports have been received. The fencing is good, and this is the 15th year without activity.

Ms. Katz confirmed that Colliers received the groundwater data in July and Adam Wisnieski forwarded it to his hydrogeologist for review.

Stormwater Management Committee

Chairwoman Westlake reported that new Alternate II Member Patrick Miller has agreed to join the committee.

An event sponsored by NJCF, NRCS and other agencies took place on a preserved farm field at 640 Rosemont- Ringoes Rd. The farm has been leased for ten years for use by a small number of organic farmers on small parcels.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment

BOA Chairman Cline reported the following:

- A Dog Kennel application is scheduled to be heard next week.
- An applicant seeking variance approval to continue renting two non-conforming existing residential rental units, has again requested to carry the application to the September meeting as they are working through some issues with Hunterdon County.

Board of Education

Mr. Peyton reported the following:

- Principal Lipton has been promoted to Superintendent, and currently there is no Principal.

- The roof project has been completed.
- A Subcommittee was formed to revamp the existing playground.

Environmental Commission

Ms. Katz reported the following:

Robert McEwan provided a presentation on Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River. Mr. McEwan provided an explanation of the partnership program, goals of LDWSR's management plan, and the benefits to our community and rivers. The purpose of the presentation was to ask for the commission's endorsement of our tributaries Lockatong, Wickecheoke, and Alexauken Creeks that flow into the Delaware River. Mr. McEwan explained the tributary designation does not open private lands to public access, nor affects existing uses of private property.

The Committee will consider the above and discuss it at the next meeting.

Well Water Testing kits will be sold at Borough Hall from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 20th in the 1st floor Conference Room and in the Borough Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Well test samples will be collected at the DPW garage on Monday, September 25th from 7:00am to 9:30am.

Historic Advisory Committee

Mayor Herman was not in attendance for the last meeting, there is no report at this time.

Shade Tree Commission

Report tabled as Mr. Coffey was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Cline asked if there are additional chairs for the meeting room since there were people standing during the last committee meeting. Mr. Cline also asked if a JCP&L representative will be at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Herman communicated we are currently at the maximum number of chairs in the meeting room and that we are waiting to hear from JCP&L.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments from Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mr. Wright, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Filardo

Planning and Zoning Board Secretary

These minutes were adopted on October 3, 2023.