

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

Minutes – October 20, 2015

The Liberty Township Land Use Board met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the Municipal Building 349 Mt. Lake Rd, Great Meadows, and N.J. The meeting was opened by Chairman Sosnovik at 7:31 p.m. and it was declared that all aspects of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met by posting notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and notifying the Municipal Clerk. Advertisement of notice was sent to the Star-Gazette of Hackettstown and the Courier News of Somerset, NJ.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Beyer
Carl Cummins (7:36 pm) Dave Schaaf
Dan Grover Ray Sosnovik
Matt Hawkswell Peter Wicki
Wayne Jarvis

Richard Schneider, Attorney
Eric Snyder, PP/ZO Kathy Dossena, Administrator

Absent: Rudy Pasko and Eric Tibak

MINUTES: The Minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written by motion of Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Beyer seconded the motion with roll call of eligible members as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Schaaf, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Grover, Mr. Hawkswell, and Chairman Sosnovik

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: Mr. Wicki because of absence. Mr. Cummins was not yet present.

Motion carries with six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION:

Docket 04/15: Grants Approval for Minor Subdivision (Lot Line Adjustment) Block 61, Lots 5 and 54 Jacqueline Lunden and Ronald Buckemeyer, Co-Applicants.

A motion was made by Mr. Beyer to approve the conditional Resolution (Docket 04/15) as written. Mr. Schaaf seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Schaaf, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Grover, Mr. Hawkswell, and Chairman Sosnovik

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded Mr. Cummins was not present as of yet. Mr. Wicki was ineligible to vote because of absence.

Motion carries with six (6) affirmative votes.

Revised maps have been received and distributed. There are still outstanding conditions which have to be met such as documentation of access easements and portions of the property vacated by the Township.

DISCUSSION:

Update on Master Plan Revisions, Eric Snyder, PP: Planner Snyder noted that COAH has fallen apart and there are no guidelines to follow. Liberty has approximately 20 total acres that are not in the preservation area. Between 2000 and 2014 we had a total of 122 new homes built. Mehl's trailer park at the Lake is now gone. We lost the Casino and the General Store. There is new commercial construction taking place by John Cory. In the last 15 years we have had no new commercial ratables. Revisions are also being made to our fee schedule to eliminate separate line items for sheds and decks and to increase some of the escrow fees. We have had a slight decrease in population. Township attorney, Roger Skoog, will be copied on all correspondence for the proposed revisions. This will be discussed further at the November 23rd meeting.

Land Use Board Administrator/Secretary Position: Mrs. Dossena stated that we have two resumes to consider and we should schedule interviews for the November 23rd meeting. The time of the interviews will be determined when we know if/what other business will be conducted that evening.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: (8:26 pm) As there was no one in the audience, this portion of the meeting was immediately closed.

BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Jarvis to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Hawkswell seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Schaaf, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Wicki,
Mr. Hawkswell, Mr. Grover, and Chairman Sosnovik

Nays: None presented

Abstain: None presented

Motion carries with eight (8) affirmative votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Board of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters;

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- a) Pending Litigation
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public upon completion of the session,
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made at 8:30 p.m. by Mr. Cummins to adopt the above Resolution and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Wicki seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Schaaf, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Grover, Mr. Wicki, Mr. Hawkswell, and Chairman Sosnovik.

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Mr. Jarvis did not enter into the session as he is a known objector to this matter. Motion carries with seven (7) affirmative votes.

A motion was made at 9:10 p.m. by Mr. Cummins to exit out of Executive Session and enter into the regular session. Mr. Wicki seconded the motion followed by a unanimous roll call.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: Attorney Schneider stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss pending litigation. No action will be taken. There are no public present therefore this portion was immediately closed.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business, Chairman Sosnovik adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dossena
Land Use Administrator