

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

Minutes – November 12, 2008

The Liberty Township Land Use Board met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in the Municipal Building 349 Mt. Lake Rd, Great Meadows, N.J. Chairman Cummins opened the meeting (7:35 p.m.) and 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 placed in the Star-Ledger of Newark and the Express Times of Easton, PA.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Present:</i>	Carl Cummins	Rudy Pasko
	Beverly Gloumakoff	Dave Schaaf
	Dan Grover	Ray Sosnovik
	John Inscho	Eric Tibak
	Wayne Jarvis	Joanne Ward
		Peter Wicki
	Kathy Dossena, Administrator	Eric Snyder, PP
<i>Absent:</i>	Peter Karcher and Greg Sipple	

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting were approved as written by motion of Wayne Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Pasko, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Wicki, Mr. Tibak, Mayor Inscho, Mrs. Gloumakoff,
Mr. Grover, Mr. Sosnovik, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Schaaf, and Chairman Cummins
Nays: None recorded
Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with eleven (11) affirmative votes.

The minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting were approved as written by motion of Mrs. Gloumakoff, seconded by Chairman Cummins with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Pasko, Mr. Jarvis, Mayor Inscho, Mrs. Gloumakoff, Mr. Grover, Mr.
Sosnovik, Mr. Schaaf, and Chairman Cummins.
Nays: None recorded.
Abstain: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Wicki, and Mrs. Ward because of absence.

Motion carries with eight (8) affirmative votes.

DISCUSSION:

Update on Highlands Council Regulations – Conformance:

Planner Eric Snyder was present and updated the Board members on the Highlands Council Regional Master Plan Conformance and Regulations. Eileen Swan, Executive Director of the Highlands Council, attended a joint meeting here at Liberty Township on November 6th. This meeting included the Township Committee and the Land Use Board. Highlights from that meeting were discussed. We have nine to fifteen months to bring our master plan into conformance with the Highlands Council plan. Planner Snyder stated that there is grant money available to the municipalities. Discussion ensued and everyone agreed that we need answers before we can move forward. Although questions have been asked of the Highlands Council, no definite answers have been given. It appears that the Highlands Council will not approve the Township's plans for a golf course on the Pasko farm or the ball field on the Bennett tract. We have a negative water usage model with the fish hatchery and we have not received any answers to this either. The Township will refuse to use the Council's COAH numbers as we have lost jobs, lots, etc. It looks as if the Bennett subdivision will go away and this should make our COAH numbers go away also. The Board therefore recommends that the Township Committee pass the resolution showing the Township's intent to consider complying with conformance. This will push COAH into 2009. The question arose as to why we have to write and pay for a plan that has to be exactly the same as the plan that the Council has developed. Liberty is 93% in the preservation area and 7% in the planning area. It was suggested that we find out the names of the five (5) townships that are fully in the preservation area and contact them as to all of us doing a group plan. Mayor Inscho will be attending a meeting with Eileen Swan on Friday, November 13th and he will then ask Ms Swan for the names of the five (5) townships that are fully within the preservation area.

2009 Budget: Each line item was looked at and cuts were made in most areas. Mrs. Dossena will fill in the numbers when the 2009 form is received from the CFO.

Personnel: The Board discussed personnel matters for 2009.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: There was no one in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Cummins honored a motion for adjournment at 8:58 p.m. from Mr. Pasko, seconded by Mayor Inscho followed by a unanimous roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dossena
Land Use Administrator