

Holland Township Planning Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

February 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Maria Elena Jennette Kozak:

"I call to order the February 8, 2009 Meeting of the Holland Township Planning Board. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Planning Board Secretary in December 10, 2009 by:

1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building.
2. Published in the December 10, 2009 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat
3. Faxed to the Express Times for informational purposes only."
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Flag Salute

Chairman Craig asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Identification of those at the podium

Present: Ed Burdzy, Peter Craig, John DiSarro, Susan Grimshaw, Dave Grossmueller, Andy Kovacs, Mike Miller, Tanya Nalesnik, Dan Rader, Laura Souders, Melissa Tigar, Brett Morrow, Esq. (for Don Morrow, Esq.), Pam Mathews, P.E. & L.S. (for Gerald Philkell, P.E., Engineer), Court Reporter Lucille Grozinski, CSR, and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak, Secretary.
Let the record show there is a quorum.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Burdzy and seconded by Andy Kovacs, to dispense with the reading of the January 11, 2010 minutes and approve them as distributed. All present were in favor with the exception of Susan Grimshaw and Tanya Nalesnik who abstained. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Re-Appointments :Secretary Kozak asked Attorney Morrow to recite the *oath of office* to the following members:

Tanya Nalesnik – Alternate #1 – Member for 12/31/2010

Susan Grimshaw – Alternate #2 – Member for a one year term – expires 12/31/2010

Hunterdon Land Trust/Stamets Property – Minor Subdivision/Boundary Line Adjustment – Block 25 Lots 60and 97 -Stamets Road – Determined complete at the January 11, 2010 meeting.

Margaret Waldoek – The director of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance was present.

Mayor Burdzy reminded the board that this is to the largest farm preserved in Holland Township. This farm is going to be very innovative and the site is to sell cheese, bread and house a farmers market while also promoting agra business and agra tourism. By preserving the approximately 190 acres the Township of Holland will receive many benefits such as eliminating the need to expand the school. Agriculture Committee Larry LaFever was present.

Discussion of the letter dated February 5, 2010 by Engineer Gerald Philkell of Hatch Mott MacDonald took place. The application is presented as a minor subdivision/boundary line adjustment. Block 25 Lot 60 consists of 194.60 acres. There is a residential structure, a frame garage, a frame barn, and a pole barn on the property. Existing Block 25 Lot 97 consists of 1.25 acres and contains an existing dwelling. The proposed subdivision/boundary line adjustment would divide 10.00 acres from Lot 60 to merge the acreage with Lot 97. The remaining lands of Lot 60 would consist of 184.60 acres and Lot 97 would consist of 11.25 acres.

The purpose of the subdivision would be to preserve the 183 remaining lands of Lot 60.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Ed Burdzy and seconded by Andy Kovacs to approve this application for Block 25 Lot 60 subject to the conditions outlined and approved in the letter dated February 5, 2010 as prepared by Gerald Philkell of Hatch Mott MacDonald. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Burdzy and seconded by Andy Kovacs to grant the waiver of checklist item A20. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Burdzy and seconded by John DiSarro to request the Board Attorney prepare a resolution to be memorialized with the conditions outlined in the letter dated February 5, 2010 as prepared by Gerald Philkell. All present were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Morrow is to prepare the resolution for board review at the next scheduled meeting of March 8, 2010.

New Business:

Holland Township Board of Education Additions & Renovations Projects – ROD Grant #3 – Educational. The board needs to submit approval and/or recommendations however, the board has little authority in this project. A memo dated February 7, 2010 was prepared by Board Planner Betsy McKenzie. After much discussion a motion was made by John DiSarro and seconded by Ed Burdzy to send a letter stating that the Holland Township Planning Board has no basis from the planning standpoint to object to this plan. All present were in favor with the exception of Laura Souders who was opposed and wanted it on the records that no figures were presented for review. Motion carried. Chairman Craig will prepare the letter and attach the memo dated February 7, 2010 as prepared by Betsy McKenzie.

Public Hearings

There were no scheduled public hearings for this evening.

Resolutions

Philips and Linda Snyder – Minor Subdivision – Block 13 Lot 41

A resolution was prepared by Alternate Board Attorney William Shurts. Applicant's attorney Robert Benbrook submitted an extension letter thru March 8, 2010 regarding the memorializing of this resolution. Concern regarding the comments of the Fire Department had come up. After some discussion, A motion was made by Ed Burdzy and seconded by Dan Rader to grant the extension of Block 13 Lot 41 until the March 8, 2010 scheduled planning board meeting. All present were in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

The board also asked member Mike Miller to act as the liaison regarding this subject. Secretary Kozak will ask Fire Department Chief Underhill if he would include liaison Mike Miller in the scheduled meeting with Mr. Snyder. A cc of said request will be sent to the attorney.

Sub-Committee Status and Update:

A letter from the State of New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council dated January 22, 2010 was received. The letter addresses the Petition for Plan Conformance – Grant Module 7. Holland Township is deemed administratively complete. The Highlands has 45-90 days to work on a substantive review.

Public Comment

No Comment.

Mayor

There are some problems with the Boss farm. Two years ago Holland Township submitted the plan and the SADC had 90 days to review it. Two years later the SADC sends back with major changes. There is a timeline with the Boss farm and The mayor and committee are working with the county on this project. The closing date is schedule for March 31, 2010. Chairman Craig is going to write a letter after Mayor Burdzy drafts one to the state – the governor wants to change and cut down on the red tape process yet this is a prime example of wasting time and money.

Adjournment

John DiSarro made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Elena Jennette Kozak
Secretary