

Stillwater Township Planning Board
Minutes of
March 20, 2013

The regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Planning Board was held in the Municipal Building, Middletown, New Jersey and was called to order by Chairman Emmons at 7:37 p.m. He led the Board in the flag salute and he announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been given to the public and the press under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq. Attorney Morgenstern administered the oath of office to Jack Branagan.

Members Present: Mr. Emmons
Mr. Donofrio
Ms. Feenstra
Ms. Fisher
Ms. English
Ms. Chammings
Mr. Branagan

Members Excused: Mr. Scott

MINUTES:

Ms. Fisher made the motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Roll call: .

Mr. Branagan-Abstain	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Yes	

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Emmons opened the meeting up to the public. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

BILLS:

Dolan & Dolan		
2-28-13	Re: General	193.75
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NJ Herald		
	Re: Notices	24.00

Ms. Fisher made the motion to approve the bills, funds permitting. Motion seconded by Ms. Feenstra. Roll call:

Mr. Branagan-Yes	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Yes	

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Ordinance

Board Engineer Golden stated that he has a packet of additional Solar Ordinance information that he can provide to Mr. Branagan, if he is the point person. The Board discussed the differences between Commercial and Residential applications at great length. It was agreed that Ms. English, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Branagan would review the information that was provided by Board Engineer Golden, to then present to the Board. Engineer Golden stated that he believes that the Fredon Ordinance is a good Commercial Ordinance and the Frelinghuysen Ordinance is a good Residential Ordinance.

Next Month

Board Attorney Morgenstern stated that he will not be present for next month's meeting. Board Secretary Schemm distributed an application for next month, which will be on the agenda for completeness. Board Attorney Morgenstern stated that the YMCA may also be requesting a hearing for next month. The Board stated that they would be willing to begin the hearing next month, if the application is complete and if they provide notice. Board Secretary Schemm stated that she knows that they will be requesting a waiver of the fees and then she questioned the calculation of the escrow. Board Engineer Golden reviewed the calculation and it was discussed whether the escrow amounts are sufficient and whether the Board should revisit the Ordinance.

Wind Turbines-Vertical and Horizontal

The matter was deferred.

Accessory Structures Ordinance Amendment

The Board discussed the issue and Ms. Fisher updated the Board on the present situation. Board Engineer Golden also addressed possible screening. Mr. Donofrio stated his concern over regulation.

Use of Property

This matter is deferred at this time.

Liaison Updates-Committee, Mayor, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Commission

Mr. Branagan, the Environmental Commission Liaison, stated: that the Environmental Commission is looking for Volunteers/Members for the Green Team; that they are working on a Tree Clear Cutting Ordinance; he updated the Board on the Amphibian Crossing that took place; they are working on a No Idling Flyer to hopefully be passed out on Stillwater Day; they are working on an Open Space Grant; Stillwater Clean Up Day is set for April 27; and Fishing Line Receptacles are being placed at the heavily fished areas within the Township.

Ms. Chammings, Committee Designee, updated the Board on: A Resolution that was passed in regards to NJ Sustainable and the establishment of a Green Team; a Resolution that was passed to purchase a New Used Ambulance; renovations for Town Hall are being discussed; there were some Road Plowing Concerns; the Courthouse will be donated back to the Church and the Church has accepted an agreement with Samaritan Inn to use the space for offices/food pantry; a Kennel license question; the vacating of Blossom Trail; the hiring of a new Construction Official; and they have a T.A.C.O. vacancy in the Building Department. She also gave the dates for Clean Up Day, Stillwater Day, and Garage Day Sale.

Ms. Fisher stated that the Board of Adjustment meeting is canceled for this month. It was noted that Mr. Scott was not feeling well tonight and that is why he is not present this evening.

Mr. Donofrio thanked Board Engineer Golden for his contributions to the Board as he has become a valuable resource.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Emmons noted that there is no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, there was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary