

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

February 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Phoebus at 4:05 p.m. The meeting is held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-2 of 1975, as amended. Present were:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Phoebus, Chairwoman
Andy Borisuk, Vice Chairman
Dr. John Ford
Rich Vohden, Freeholder Member
Joseph Maikisch, 1st Alternate
John Risko, Engineering Alternate

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Michael Cecchini
Michael Francis

STAFF PRESENT:

Eric Snyder, Planning Director
Alice Brees, Principal Planner
Neal Leitner, Senior Planner
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

None

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A motion was made by Andy Borisuk to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2011 and December 5, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Risko. All were in favor with an abstention from Dr. John Ford. Motion carried.

SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion was made by Rich Vohden to approve the Development Review Committee Minutes for January 9, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Risko and carried unanimously.

APPEALS AND WAIVER REQUESTS

- A. 13 NEWTON, LLC, SITE PLAN FILE 14E(PSP)08/11, COUNTY ROUTE 519, BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH AND FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP:

The Applicant did not show up for the meeting. The Board agreed to carry the item to the end of the meeting.

- B. RESOLUTION FOR WAIVERS GRANTED – BEAVER RUN SOLAR FARM, LLC, SITE PLAN FILE 31(MSP)11, COUNTY ROUTE 661, LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP:

A motion was made by Rich Vohden to memorialize the Resolution for the Beaver Run Solar Farm, LLC Site Plan. The motion was seconded by Andy Borisuk. A vote was taken. Results were as follows: Andy Borisuk-Yes; John Ford-Yes; John Risko-Yes; and Rich Vohden-Yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eric Snyder said he is involved with Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D.) Its membership is six counties and five Soil Conservation Districts. As of last June, RC&D's across the country lost all federal funding. They are in the process of moving to a more operational, non-profit status and are looking for funding and outside members who are not government employees. Most of the Board of Directors are government employees and they cannot raise funds. Eric said if any of the Board members know of anyone who would be interested in being a member of the RC&D to let him know. The group does stream bank repairs and did the plantings at the Homestead along with the Watershed Group. They also work with farmers on a riverfront restoration program. The Dodge Foundation gave them some funding and they require directors to attend their financial workshops. Eric attended this workshop last Saturday.

Eric said work continues on the Wastewater Management Planning process. Eric, John Eskilson and Alice Brees are going to Trenton to meet with DEP. The issues remain the same. DEP is using a flawed model to remove properties out of sewer service areas.

SWAC representatives are urged to attend next week's meeting because the future of County waste is being decided. They are discussing the process that is going to take place over the next few years. The landfill runs out of space in 2017---that is tomorrow from the standpoint of government activities and approvals.

The new State Strategic Plan is out. Eric said he plans to bring the Planning Board and the Strategic Growth Advisory Committee together to update the County Plan which was approved in 2005-2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rich Vohden asked if 13 Newton, LLC could reapply and come back before the Planning Board. Eric said they will need to ask to be put back on the agenda. Alice will contact the applicant.

Joe Maikisch asked for an update on the gas station/convenience store in Frankford submitted by 13 Newton, LLC. Eric said they added more land to their property which changed their site plan.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Borisuk. The motion was seconded by Joseph Maikisch and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.