



**APPEALS AND WAIVER REQUESTS**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eric Snyder said he did not have anything new to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION RE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

Eric Snyder prepared the Resolution for the Ordinance to Amend the County Land Development Standards for left turn lane criteria and it was provided to the Planning Board prior to this meeting.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Dr. John Ford to accept the Resolution to amend the County Land Development Standards for left turn lane criteria. The motion was seconded by Gene Crawford. A roll-call vote was taken. Results were as follows: Andy Borisuk-Yes; Daniel Conkling-Yes; John Ford-Yes; Wolfgang Gstattenbauer-Yes; Gene Crawford-Yes; John Risko-Yes; and Rich Vohden-Yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY:

Eric Snyder said this Resolution is to support State funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey, tying it to a clear, dedicated, non-transferable source of funding. A copy of this Resolution was provided to the Planning Board prior to this meeting.

Chairman Borisuk expressed concern about the State buying land which is then left to grow up in invasive species. He said farmland preservation is far more important because it keeps the land on tax rolls; it is maintained by the property owner; and it is an excellent investment. Also, development is always focused on farmland, not parcels that are preserved as open space. Eric Snyder said there have only been about two or three applications to the County Open Space Program over the last three years. There are far more applications for farmland preservation. Rich Vohden said the County preserved almost 17,000 acres in farmland preservation and only about 2,000 acres as open space. If you consider the 35% of Sussex County that is preserved as

open space, 2,000 acres is not much. Eric added that the County has been talking about requiring a stewardship plan as a condition of open space preservation.

There was also some discussion on the use of farmland in future generations.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Daniel Conkling to approve the Resolution to Support Sustainable Funding for Open Space Preservation. The motion was seconded by Rich Vohden. A roll-call vote was taken. Results were as follows: Andy Borisuk-Abstain; Daniel Conkling-Yes; John Ford-Yes; Wolfgang Gstattenbauer-Yes; Gene Crawford-Yes; John Risko-Yes; and Rich Vohden-Yes. Motion carried.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Rich Vohden talked about the morning Development Review Committee meetings, generally held on the third Monday of the month at 8:15 a.m. He has been attending these meetings but it falls on the same morning as the Freeholder Agenda Meetings. Therefore, he suggested that either more Planning Board members attend this meeting or that the time be changed to later in the morning. John Ford said he would be willing to attend the meetings. Eric Snyder said he would prefer to have two Board members in attendance. Rich Vohden said he spoke with Dan Flynn, who was just appointed to the Planning Board, and he said he may be able to adjust his schedule to attend the morning meetings. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the morning Development Review Committee meetings will be changed to 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Daniel Conkling. The motion was seconded by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

