

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman John Ford at 4:00 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:

Andy Borisuk, Chairman (4:03 p.m.)
Michael Cecchini
Dr. John Ford, Vice Chairman
Michael Francis
Wolfgang Gstattenbauer
Gene Crawford, 1st Alternate
Dan Flynn, 2nd Alternate (4:08 p.m.)
John Risko, Engineering Alternate
Rich Vohden, Freeholder Director

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Daniel Conkling

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Francis. All were in favor with an abstention from Gene Crawford. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman John Ford turned the meeting over to Chairman Andy Borisuk.

SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Rich Vohden to approve the Development Review Committee Reports for July 1, 2013, July 29, 2013 and August 12, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Ford and carried unanimously. Motion carried.

APPEALS AND WAIVER REQUESTS:

- A. RESOLUTION FOR LEKA, MINOR SUBDIVISION FILE 102/06, COUNTY ROUTE 609, HOPATCONG:

A motion was made by Richard Vohden to memorialize the Resolution for the Leka Minor Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Michael Francis. A vote was taken. Results were as follows: Andy Borisuk-Yes; John Ford-Yes; Michael Francis-Yes; Wolfgang Gstattenbauer-Yes; and Rich Vohden-Yes. Motion carried.

- B. WAIVER FOR ST. JUDE CHURCH SITE PLAN FILE 4(PSP)08, COUNTY ROUTES 661 AND 673, HARDYSTON:

Alice Brees reported that the applicant withdrew the waiver request.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Eric Snyder reported on the Complete Streets Study. The Technical Memorandum was put out and it was well received at the T.P.A. meeting. We are looking for a countywide policy that is "context sensitive." Mr. Snyder said he will keep the Planning Board informed and anyone that has questions or needs materials should let him know. The Technical Memo is quite large.

The County is acting as the pass through for SCARC and Small Cities for rehab on some of the group homes. That project is also moving along.

Eric and Alice Brees are working on the water quality sewer service map. He said the legislation that took effect in January 2012 expires in January 2014. The map was only a portion of the plan. DEP asked the Planning Division to write the text portion of the plan.

Eric said there was nothing new with the Open Space program. Regarding SWAC, the SCMUA landfill expansion was approved. The expansion will keep the landfill going for the next 40 years or until an alternate method of waste disposal can be found.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LIST, 2006 – JULY 2013:

Alice provided the Board with a current list of the residential approvals that are still pending from 2006. The list shows the projects at various stages. Some were approved preliminary plans and there are large lot subdivisions that may never be built. Ms. Brees said we are seeing a change in the type of housing that is being proposed, with an increase in multi-family units such as townhouses.

B. H.R. 1638: CENSUS REFORM ACT OF 2013:

Mr. Snyder said that the census serves an important role in relation to appropriations. He provided the Board with an article that was written by George Will which supports the census. As part of the mailing, there is a Resolution opposing a Bill that is in the House which, if passed, would do away with the census information dealing with everything except the head count.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Michael Francis to support the Resolution to oppose H.R. 1638: Census Reform Act of 2013. The motion was seconded by Michael Cecchini. All were in favor with an abstention from Andy Borisuk. Motion carried.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gene Crawford. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.