

**WHITE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
555 CR 519, BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

The regular meeting of the White Township Planning Board was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Present were: Anthony Wyhopen, Jeff Herb, William Godfrey, Samuel Race, Bryan Vande Vrede, Joseph Magnini, Robert Mackey, and Tim Matthews. Board Members Absent: David Pritchard, Joseph Phillips and James Carlson. Also present: Board Attorney Richard Dieterly and Board Planner Joseph Layton.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wyhopen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", with adequate notice to the appropriate newspapers and posting on the Township bulletin board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2010, were distributed to all the Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Race made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Mr. Race suggested a minor correction. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Matthews, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Magnini, and Mr. Vande Vrede, who were not present at the July meeting and they abstained.

VOTE: 4 AYES

The motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Warren County Correctional Center, Solar Photovoltaic Energy System

David Hicks was present on behalf of Warren County and he briefly summarized the proposed solar energy project being proposed behind the WC Correctional Center.

Emily Hammer of SSP Architectural Group stated that a solar energy project was originally proposed at the proposed Library/Social Services Building; however, they have now transferred that project to the Warren County Correctional Center so that they could retain their commitment in the BPU-Core Rebate Program. She stated that a feasibility study was prepared and Marcus Rosenau of SSP Architectural Group presented an exhibit and he described the site and the location of the energy system consisting of 495 panels and the additional equipment, which will feed into the Correctional Center. Ms. Hammer addressed the energy certificates that will be generated.

Mr. Race questioned the grass and vegetation control and the lifetime of the panels, which was addressed by both Ms. Hammer and Mr. Rosenau. Mr. Magnini asked if a fence is being proposed. Mr. Hicks stated that they may put up some fencing to keep 4 wheelers and snow mobilers away from the panels. He stated that they will check with their Insurance Company to see what they suggest.

Mr. Mackey questioned the value of the energy credits and Mr. Matthews questioned the height of the panels, which were both addressed by Engineer Hicks. Board Attorney Dieterly asked if the panels would be changed if the technology were to evolve. The Applicants stated that the project would continue to operate as long as it is operating at the correct capacity and efficiency. The Applicants addressed the cost of the project and the energy certificates that are generated. Chairman Wyhopen asked if there was any maintenance needed. It was noted that no maintenance is required and Engineer Hicks reviewed the proposed grading and the filling in of the site that will need to be done to level off of the site. The Board continued to review the proposal and the Board's action and recommendation and whether the Master Plan addresses this specifically.

Mr. Magnini made the motion that after hearing and reviewing the proposed project, the Board finds that the Township Master Plan does not specifically address the issue and they endorses the proposed project. Motion seconded by Mr. Mackey. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 8 AYES

The motion carried

Engineer Hicks then addressed the timeline and he stated that the project is to be complete by March 1, 2011 and Ms. Hammer stated that they are not able to make money on the energy produced. The Board continued to review the proposal.

Highlands Discussion

Board Planner Layton briefly reviewed the history of the Township letters sent and the Highlands' responses received. He stated that the September 17th memo addresses the Highlands' September 6th letter. The Board then went on to review and discuss at great length the status of the process and the discrepancies in the mapping.

Mr. Magnini made the motion to recommend that the Governing Body follow the recommendations as summarized in the September 17th Maser memo. Motion seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Race clarified the motion. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 8 AYES

The motion carried

Mr. Race and the Board questioned the status of the Highlands Legislation, the Highlands Master Plan Element, and the Map Adjustments, which were all addressed by Board Planner Layton.

BILLS:

In a motion made by Mr. Magnini and seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede, the bills were paid. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Race, who abstained.

Maser-Planning	332.50 PBOE
Maser-Engineering	65.00 PBOE
Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	456.00 PBOE

VOTE: 7 AYES

The motion carried.

Mr. Herb asked if the Board is up to date with paying the vouchers. Board Secretary Schemm stated that they are up to date as there are no charges incurred when meetings are canceled.

OTHER:

Chairman Wyhopen stated that the Board will need to review and prepare Budget recommendations for 2011. Mr. Race questioned the status of the Highlands billing and the Reimbursement process, which was briefly reviewed by Board Planner Layton.

Board Secretary Schemm reviewed the Board Members requests of either new Code Book/CD/ and/or whether they will access the Township Ordinances online.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Planning Board meeting. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary