

READINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES

March 24, 2014

A. Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

B. Attendance:

Julia Allen	present
Jerry Cook	present
Elizabeth Duffy	absent
Cheryl Filler	present
Marygrace Flynn	present
Betty Ann Fort	present
Chris John	present
Ronald Monaco	absent
Ben Smith	present

Victoria Britton, Esq., Mason, Griffin & Pierson
Michael Sullivan, Clark Caton & Hintz

C. Minutes:

1. March 10, 2014 regular meeting
2. March 10, 2014 Joint Meeting

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion. All in Favor, no Nays recorded.

D. CORRESPONDENCE: - no comments.

E. RESOLUTIONS: None

F. TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

1. Ryland Inn
Phase 1B, II, III
Block 14, L. 29

Madam Chair announced that the Technical Review Committee will have a telephonic meeting on Tuesday to discuss the completeness at that time.

G. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Voucher Approval: Betty Ann Fort made a motion to approve the voucher. Ben Smith seconded the motion. All in Favor, no Nays recorded.
2. Wilmark Building Contractors –
Mountain Woods Development – shade tree discussion.

Mark Hartman of Wilmark Building stated that he is under contract to purchase Mountain Woods, Block 4, Lot 57. Currently he is trying to finalize the preliminary plans, but there is an issue with a condition of the resolution pertaining to the placement of the trees. First of all this is a wooded lot. The question is the location of the shade trees and replacement trees. He stated that they have proposed to plant 19 trees. He is seeking approval from the board as to the placement of the trees.

Mr. Hartman asked if the board would accept 19 shade and replacement trees with a caliper of 2 1/2 – 3 inches to satisfy the condition #4 and #7 or the preliminary resolution. He will commit to remove as few trees as possible. The planting details will be worked out with the Planner's office.

Betty Ann Fort made a motion that the board will accept the planting of 19 trees with the caliper of 2 1/2 to 3 inches and this will satisfy conditions #4 and #7 of the preliminary resolution. Ben Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. Cook	aye
Mr. Smith	aye
Mrs. Allen	aye
Mrs. Filler	aye
Mrs. Fort	aye
Mr. John	aye
Madam Chair	aye

The board recommended that a tree replacement ordinance should be drafted. Michael Sullivan will provide the ordinance subcommittee with a draft.

On another matter, Madam Chair announced that she attended a stormwater management seminar. Another class is scheduled April 4, 2014 and it will be held at the Duke Farm.

3. Hunterdon County Outreach presentation

Andrew Borkin, from the Hunterdon County Planning Board thanked the board for allowing him to appear. He stated that the County Planning Board is trying to become more proactive by assisting municipalities. The Hunterdon County Planning board is a regional entity. He stated that they are charged with adopting the County Master Plan which was last updated in 2007. There is also a County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. In addition, Mr. Borkin informed the board that the county would like to reinstitute quarterly breakfast talks in order to get the township's input. The 2014 Planning Award Event is going to be held on September 29, 2014. Applications are being accepted for the planning categories. The County can also support county wastewater planning; shared services; county farmland Ag development; open space trust, cultural heritage commission, and transportation.

Mr. Borkin asked if there was any topic that the board would be interested in that could be addressed at an upcoming breakfast. Marygrace Flynn answered she would like to know more about redevelopment.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Fort made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Filler seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Jacukowicz