

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
March 9, 2009**

A. Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 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:

Mrs. Allen	present
Mr. Cook	present
Mrs. Duffy	absent
Mrs. Filler	present
Mrs. Flynn	present
Mr. Shamey	present
Mr. Klotz	present
Mr. Monaco	present
Mr. Smith	present
Madam Chair	present

**Michael Sullivan, Clark – Caton & Hintz
Valerie Kimson, Esq.,**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 9, 2009 Mr. Klotz made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

2. February 9, 2009 Executive Minutes - Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the executive minutes. Mr. Klotz seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Filler referred to the correspondence that was received from TC&D's attorney, Lawrence Vastola, wherein he mentioned that in the approval for his client, the board waived the condition of road improvements. Attorney Kimson stated that she had not attended this meeting, and that Donald Moore, Esq., attended in her place. The professional reports had this item as one of the requirements. The secretary will forward Mr. Vastola's letter to H. Clay McEldowney for his recollection on whether or not this was a condition of approval.

E. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Readington Commons
Block 4, Lot 51**

Mrs. Allen made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Klotz seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Mrs. Allen	aye
Mrs. Filler	aye
Mr. Klotz	aye
Mr. Smith	aye
Mr. Shamey	aye
Madam Chair	aye

F. TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

- 1. Ridge Road Realty, LLC
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75
Pearl Street
Action date: March 22, 2009**

Mrs. Filler made a motion to deem the application complete. Mr. Monaco seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

G. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Voucher approval (none submitted)**

2. Hydrological review – Madam Chair informed the board that a subcommittee meeting recently took place regarding hydrology. Attendees were Grace Messinger, from the North Jersey RC&D; Donna Drewes, from the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey; Cheryl Filler; Julia Allen and Marygrace Flynn. The topic “Sustainable Jersey Communities” was discussed. Madam Chair stated that Readington Township could be certified as a sustainable community. Mrs. Filler is going to forward this information to the Environmental Commission. Upon certification, the municipality would be eligible for grants such as improving operation maintenance, and waste reduction. In order to obtain volunteers to work on these projects, Mrs. Allen suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Readington News. Also, Mrs. Allen recommended having solar seminars from solar vendors and to make this information available to the public.

Mrs. Filler suggested making the public aware of recycling. Mr. Klotz stated that he attended a meeting at the county regarding recycling and it was not productive. Mrs. Allen recommended that that township should set up an electronic recycling service. Mrs. Filler volunteered to contact Raritan Valley Disposal to ascertain if other municipalities adhere to a recycling code. Attorney Kimson informed the board that in the ordinance at Section 148-75, Solid Waste subsection (A) it states that all residential and non-residential developments shall comply with the Readington Township Recycling Ordinance. The secretary will forward the township's recycling ordinance to the board members for their review.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **2009 Reexamination of Master Plan, dated February 20, 2009.** Mr. Sullivan informed everyone that they made the revisions that were requested by the Environmental Commission. Some of the larger points dealt with the land use plan with respect to the water quality management rules.

Mr. Monaco asked for an update regarding the Third Round COAH rule. Ms. Kimson stated that the most current bill would impose an 18 month moratorium on the township's collection of the 2.5 percent non-residential fee.

Mrs. Allen stated that the board should expound in the Master Plan the Goals and Policies as they relate to affordable housing and its production. As part of the Utilities Plan Element, the Board should seek to regulate solar energy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Betty Ann Fort stated that an ordinance should be created so that the township can control where the solar panels are installed.

Mr. Monaco suggested that solar, wind and other alternative energies should be added to the utility element of the Master Plan.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

There were no questions from the public.

Mrs. Filler made a motion to approve the 2009 Reexamination of the Master Plan dated February 20, 2009. Mr. Monaco seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Allen	aye
Mr. Cook	aye
Mrs. Filler	aye
Mr. Shamey	aye

Mr. Klotz	aye
Mr. Monaco	aye
Mr. Smith	aye
Madam Chair	aye

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Filler seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Jacukowicz