



Meeting Minutes August 4, 2014

Members

Present – David Kostka, Sashe Annete, Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion, Rick Ecklord, Thomas Hennessy and Mary Massey

Absent – Liaison Jarrett Engel and Associate Member John Vig (both excused)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Kostka who read the following statement. “In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, public notice of this meeting has been provided by publication of an annual notice in the Asbury Park Press and posting of this notice on the bulletin board at Town Hall.”

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting and the minutes of the June 2, 2014 were approved as submitted.

73 Mercer Management, LLC, PB713, Block 44, Lots 12.01 & 12.02, & Block 45, Lots 5.04-5.17, Mercer Lane, has submitted an application for a 14-lot subdivision. A subdivision of 19 lots was originally proposed in 2001, and five of the lots were subsequently sold to the Monmouth County Park System, as an addition to Hominy Hill. The property is surrounded by a conservation easement around Mine Brook, which ultimately flows to the Swimming River Reservoir. The easement overlaps with a 300-foot buffer zone required for Category I streams. The topography of the area is severe. The easement is municipally regulated. The buffer zone is state regulated. Even if the Township did not concur, it would be theoretically possible for the State to grant approvals for incursions into the buffer zone. The applicant has not stated any intentions in this regard. Mr. Domidion suggested altering the cul-de-sac to permit a larger area in the final lot for addition of amenities. Mr. Kostka will ask Tim Anfusio if that would be possible.

LIAISON REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Domidion reported on progress to the County Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Domidion reported that he suggested to the Township Committee that they switch to LED bulbs for street lights, as they use 1/10th the energy of the present bulbs. The Mayor asked Mr. Domidion to have the Environmental Commission study the proposal. Mr. Domidion will ask the Environmental Section of the County Planning Board for further information, and to look for grants available for purchasing the bulbs.

Mr. Domidion noted that a proposal that will be on the November ballot would dedicate to open space and historical preservation 4% of business taxes collected.

CORRESPONDENCE

JCP&L has applied for NJDEP Freshwater Wetland General Permit No. 12, associated with performing geotechnical soil borings to obtain site-specific data necessary for the design of transmission structures and associated foundations along the right-of-way corridor, in connection with the JCP&L Local Infrastructure and Transmission Enhancement (LITE) Program.

Kamlesh & Krishnapriya Modh have applied for a Freshwater Wetlands transition area waiver, for cutting or clearing of trees and/or other vegetation.

On a motion by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Massey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm. **The next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 1, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

