



Meeting Minutes May 6, 2013

Members

Present – David Kostka, Sashe Annete, Vincent Domidion, Rick Ecklord, Mary Massey, and Associate Member John Vig

Absent – Liaison Tom Orgo (excused), Jennifer Barbieri (excused), Thomas Hennessey (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.”

PLANNING BOARD

No new applications have been received. Colts Neck Golf Course has not submitted the required traffic study. Garber was postponed to the May meeting. The requested change to the Mauro subdivision was approved by a five to three vote, despite being strongly opposed by the Commission. Because the land is presently cleared farmland, the applicant had requested that the easement area be allowed to be used as lawn. The conservation easement still remains and the landowner will have use of the lawn area in the conservation easement. There will be some plantings to indicate the boundaries of the easement. This situation is not unique and there was no hardship relating to the property so the decision is of concern regarding similar future applications from property owners

LIAISON REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Massey submitted a report she compiled by doing a word search for “easement” in the Township Ordinances. References to easements are found only in the Development Regulations Ordinance. The Township Greenways are included in deeds, but easements are not. Many, but not all, easements are shown on the tax maps. Other easements are shown only on the development plans filed with the Planning Board. Tim Anfuso has declared that the plans are more reliable than the tax maps. Mr. Kostka inquired what would be done with the data if it is obtained. Mrs. Massey replied that the County database, with address, block and lot designations, can be used by adding data columns. Once the data is complete, education of landowners, regarding easements rules and regulations, could commence. Mr. Kostka remarked that some easements are irregular in shape, and if it is not possible to communicate the exact location of the easement, a landowner might respond very negatively if they receive a letter indicating they have an easement on their property. Mr. Kostka will discuss this further with Planning Board Attorney Mike Steib, Mayor Mike Fitzgerald, and Planner Tim Anfuso, and report on their reactions at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

On a motion by Mrs. Massey, seconded by Mr. Domidion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm –June 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

