

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD  
MAY 13, 2021**

There was the regular meeting of the Hardwick Township Planning/Land Use Board on Thursday, May 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman McKim. He led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and he stated that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:**

The following Planning Board Members were present: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Jim McKim, Cynthia Caffrey, Lori Gold, William Hughes, and Alt. #4 Alfia Schemm. Board Members Absent: Fred Butcher, Alt. #1 Chris Jacksic, Jodi Butler, Edwin Fisher, and Richard Ohl.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2021, were distributed to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Hughes made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Chairman McKim. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Gold and Ms. Caffrey who were not present at the April meeting and Ms. Schemm, who abstained.

**MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:**

**#21-001 Clinton L. Pagano III, Block 601, Lot 13.03**

There were several minor typographical errors/modifications suggested.

Mr. Hughes made the motion to adopt the Resolution as modified this evening. Motion seconded by Mayor Duffy. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Gold and Ms. Caffrey, who were not present for the hearing.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #2021-04 Prohibiting the Operation of Cannabis Businesses**

The Board reviewed the proposed Ordinance and the state time line to adopt an Ordinance. Ms. Gold stated her concerns as cannabis is legal and she does not understand the pressure to suppress it. The Board discussed the issues and it was suggested that Ms. Gold voice her concerns at the Township Committee Meeting. The Board continued to discuss the matter and it was agreed that the Board would provide no comment.

**Ordinance 13-33.5**

The Board discussed the interpretation of the present Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Chairman McKim will take a look at the language in the Ordinance again and possibly draft some "figures". Mr. Gavan offered to speak with the Zoning Officer to review the matter and to see if the issue can be resolved.

**Stream Categories**

Chairman McKim updated the Board on the expansion of the Category 1 streams, the conservation buffer, possible impact to property owners and the restrictions to existing and new development. Mayor Duffy stated that the matter will be on next week's Committee agenda and any comments and thoughts can be forwarded and shared with the Township Committee.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No public present

**BILLS:** The following vouchers were submitted for payment:

NJPO	\$ 85.00
Glenn Gavan-General	\$ 82.50
Glenn Gavan-Pagano	\$ 440.00

Ms. Caffrey made the motion to approve the Vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Hughes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

**OTHER:**

Ms. Caffrey questioned the front and rear yard setbacks standards and the Board agreed to review the existing standards.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary  
7/8/21