

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2021**

There was the regular meeting of the Hardwick Township Planning/Land Use Board on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Jodi Butler, Edwin Fisher, Lori Gold, William Hughes, and Alt. #4 Alfia Schemm. Absent: Cynthia Caffrey, Alt #1 Chris Jacksic, and Fred Butcher. Also present: Attorney Gavan.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2021, were distributed to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Hughes. Discussion on the motion: Board Secretary Schemm noted a minor correction. In a roll call vote, all were in favor to adopt the minutes as amended, except for Ms. Schemm, who abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

#21-002 Rich Alcaro, Block 1102, Lot 25.11 - Variance

Mr. Alcaro has requested that his matter be adjourned to the Board's November 11, 2021 meeting, without further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

#21-004 Andrew & Mary Smith, Block 1001, Lot 12.02-Hearing

Andrew and Mary Smith were sworn in and Mr. Smith reviewed his request for a variance to construct a detached garage. The Board noted that it appears that the dimensions on the plan are a bit larger than the testimony provided. The Board continued to discuss the proposal and the designation of C-1 Waters. It was noted that there is no public present. Mr. Gavan went on to review the proofs that are normally required in order to approve a bulk variance.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to grant the variance as requested and discussed this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Hughes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Board noted that the Resolution will be adopted next month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

C1 Streams-Surface Water Quality Standards

No further update besides adding a column to the existing excel spreadsheet.

Ordinance #2021-09

The Board reviewed the Ordinance and have found that it is the same as forwarded by the Board and they agreed to recommend that it be adopted as presented.

Mr. McKim then reviewed his conversation with the Zoning Officer regarding accessory buildings and setback requirements, which the Board discussed. Mr. McKim stated that he will work on preparing something for the Board's consideration. The Board also discussed the County's endorsement of trains/rails service and bulk standards for accessory structures.

Mr. Hughes made the motion to recommend, to the Governing Body, that Ordinance #2021-09 be adopted. Motion seconded by Ms. Gold. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comment

OTHER:

Liaison Update

Mayor Duffy provided the following liaison update: new website, internet discussion with Optimum and Planet network, and the Hardwick House. Mr. McKim also brought up the procedure/process for C-1 waterways and zoning permits, which the Board discussed.

BILLS:

Glen Gavan

Re: Alcaro	363.00
Re: General	478.50

Re: General	148.50
Re: General	297.00

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Fisher commented on the illegal dumping and Ms. Gold commented on Accessory apartments, which was discussed with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
11/11/21