

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD MINUTES
April 11, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McKim at 7:35 pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairman McKim Read the following statement:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on township website and on the bulletin board of the municipal building at 40 Spring Valley Road”.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those presents were.

Cynthia Caffrey, Lori Gold, William Hughes, Christine Suyker, John Liegner, Tyrone Coronato put time he arrived 7:30, and Chairman McKim.

Also, present was Board Secretary Kristin Shipps.

Fred Butcher, Paul Horsey, Nichole Meuse, and Mayor Jacksic were absent.

Chairman McKim asked for a moment of silence for Joyce Siegmeister.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 14, 2024, Reorganization Meeting

Motion made by Hughes, second by Gold and carried to approve the January 14, 2024, meeting minutes with corrections requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Space and Recreation Plan discussion

Chairman McKim stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee made three significant edits to the OSRP that was received from the consultants in March of 2023. Chapters 2 and 5 were completely rewritten and a note was added to page 9 in Chapter 1 to address concerns regarding language stating that all of Hardwick was designated as Core habitat by the NJDEP. The OSAC had already rewritten Chapter 5 at that time, but because the plan was submitted in PDF format, editing by the committee itself was thought impossible and possibly inappropriate given the role assigned to the consultants. While waiting to see if it would be possible to reengage with the consultants, the OSAC went ahead and rewrote Chapter 2, an effort previously thought desirable, but set aside at the time in the interest of speeding work along. Lack of progress eventually led the OSAC to take on a difficult, but ultimately successful effort to make the desired edits resulting in the revised April 2024 plan as now submitted to the LUB.

Chairman McKim also noted that the OSAC was unanimous both in finding the OSRP unacceptable as received and in agreeing that the rewritten April 2024 version addressed its concerns and should be forwarded to the LUB for review, comment, and adoption.

Documents had been provided to the Board prior to tonight's meeting with explanations of the changes. Chairman McKim explained the change that made to chapter one was a note on core habitat in which he proceeded to explain what that meant for the township and suggested more materials for the Board to read.

No action was taken on the Open Space and Recreation Plan and further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER:

Tyrone Coronato

Chairman McKim swore in Tyrone Coronato as Alternate #2.

Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Section 13-90A Entitled "Application Requirements" of Chapter 13- Land Development to Establish a Procedure by which a Resident can Submit a Zoning Map Change Request.

The Land Use Board reviewed the Ordinance for Zoning Map Change Request.

Motion made by Hughes, second by Coronato and carried to thank the committee for seeking the input of the Land Use Board allowing them to review and to approve the zoning change request.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liaison Update-General Township Matters -no report.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

January 5, 2024 – Warren County Clerk's office.

RE: Deed from William Henry & Jodi Ahlers to Stephen & Lauren Blackburn.

January 11, 2024- Warren County Planning Department.

RE: Partial Resubmission Princeton Blairstown Center.

February 6, 2024- Warren County Planning Department.

Re: Approval Princeton-Blairstown Center.

February 8, 2024- French & Parrello.

Re: Hardwick House- Technical Review.

February 20, 2024- Warren County Planning Department.

Re: Approval of Stephen & Lauren Blackburn.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion made by Hughes, second by Suyker and approved by roll call vote: Butcher—absent, Caffrey—yes, Gold—yes, Horsey—absent, Hughes—yes, Jacksic—absent, Suyker--yes, Liegner—yes, Coronato—yes, McKim—yes for payment of bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Coronato, second by Suyker and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shipps, LUB Secretary