

HARDWICK TOWNSHIP
LAND USE BOARD MINUTES
June 12, 2025

Chairman McKim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the flag salute was conducted.

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 the township website and on the bulletin board of the municipal building at 40 Spring Valley Road.

ROLL CALL:

The following Board Members were present: Fred Butcher, Cynthia Caffrey, William Hughes, Jon Liegner, Christina Suyker, Alternate Jim Purpura, Mayor Jacksic, and Chairman Jim McKim. Absent: Lori Gold, Nichole Meuse, Alternate Ty Coronato, and Alternate Cindy Keimel. Board Secretary Kristin Shipps and Board Attorney Glenn Gavan were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 8, 2025

Motion was made by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Ms. Suyker. Motion carried to approve the minutes of May 8, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Space and Recreation Plan-Public hearing

Discussion:

- This item represents the second formal discussion of the open space element of the master plan.
- A formal resolution is required to finalize the open space element.
- Minor amendment noted due to lack of public input in previous hearings.
- No public was present during prior hearings on this matter

Resolution R:25-3 – Resolution Adopting Open Space & Recreation Plan.

Motion made by Jacksic, seconded by Caffrey. Roll call was taken Butcher, yes; Caffrey-yes, yes; Gold, absent; Liegner, yes; Hughes—yes; Meuse—absent; Suyker—yes; Alternates: Coronato—absent; Keimel—absent; Purpura—yes; Mayor Jacksic—yes; Chairman McKim—abstain. To approve the resolution for the Open Space and Recreation Plan as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application 25-2 12 Hardwick Road, Block 501, Lot 1.01 -Completeness Review.

Discussion:

- The Chair clarified that the meeting was for completeness review only, not to discuss the merits of the proposal.
- It was noted that the applicant had been incorrectly advised regarding setback requirements (50 feet instead of the correct 25 feet).
- Board attorney emphasized that advice should not be given to applicants during completeness review.
- Discussion occurred regarding the need for zoning officer review and potential error in setback calculations.
- The engineer had previously recommended deeming the application incomplete.
- Issues identified: setback requirements and potential C1 stream concerns.

Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Suyker, roll call was taken: Butcher abstained, Caffrey-yes, Gold, absent, Liegner-abstained, Hughes—yes, Meuse—absent, Suyker—yes, Alternates: Coronato—absent, Keimel—absent, Purpura—yes, Mayor Jacksic—yes, Chairman McKim—yes to deem the application complete, subject to addressing the setback issues and stream concerns.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS: none

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liaison Update- General Township Matters.

Mayor's Update.

Spring Valley Road: Now open to public use.

Hardwick House Project: Groundbreaking is scheduled, with ongoing discussions with the county regarding requirements, including a 140-foot turn lane requirement. Mayor Jacksic stated that there is a lack of supporting crash data for the county's requirement.

Chairman McKim reminded the board of the special meeting scheduled for next week at 6:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Bills Presented:

- Professional services for Ahlers Lane matter.
- Legal books and publications.
- **Total Amount:** \$3,529.50

Motion made by Hughes, second by Liegner and approved by roll call vote: Butcher yes, Caffrey-yes, Gold, absent, Liegner-yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—absent, Suyker—yes, Alternates: Coronato—absent; Keimel—absent; Purpura—yes; Mayor Jacksic—yes; Chairman McKim—yes.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Butcher, and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristin Shipps

Land Use Board Secretary