

HARDWICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2025

Chairman McKim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 13, 2025

Hughes made the motion, seconded by Jacksic, and carried to approve the February 13, 2025, Land Use Board meeting minutes.

March 13, 2025

Caffrey made the motion, seconded by Suyker, and carried to approve the March 13, 2025, Land Use Board Meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application 25-1 8 Ahlers Lane, Block 1001, Lot 5.01 -Public Hearing

Mr. Erd was sworn in by the Board Attorney, Gavan. Mr. Erd explained to the board that he has not had a garage since moving in and has used his basement and a small metal shed for storage. He would like to have something bigger for storage.

Land Use Board Engineer Williams read the comments.

Comment 1. In accordance with section 13-12.2 of the LDO, this office calculates that the following setback variances are required.

Side Yard East (13-12-2.2c) Required 50' Existing >50' Proposed No Change

Side Yard West (13-12-2.2c) Required 50', Existing 69.7' Proposed 47.9'

Rear Yard (13-12-2.2e) Required 100' Existing 28.8' Proposed 20.8' (addition 36.2')

Applicant shall clarify the variances requested based on the revised setback definition per the LDO.

Board Engineer Williams asked Mr. Erd the size of the garage. Mr. Erd explained that it would be a three-car garage. One garage would be on the side of the house, and a two-car garage would be on the back. This garage would be an addition to the house.

Board Engineer Williams asked where he currently parks his vehicles. Mr. Erd replied that one car is parked where the garage would be, and his truck and trailer are parked behind the house.

Board Engineer Williams asked if there were any trees to be removed. Mr. Erd stated no trees would be removed.

Board Engineer Williams asked if there is protection around the pool. Mr. Erd replied that the pool is being taken down.

Board Engineer Williams asked if there would be any bathrooms in the addition. Mr. Erd replied no.

Chairman McKim asked Board Engineer Williams if according to the ordinance there is an existing structure that the only setback concern would be the rear. Board Engineer Williams stated that Chairman McKim was correct.

Chairman McKim asked Mr. Erd if there were any residents at lot four. Mr. Erd answered no.

The motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Suyker, and carried to open the public hearing.

Gary Lehman, who is Mr. Erd's neighbor, stated he believes the additions will upgrade the property.

Hughes made a motion to close the public hearing which was carried.

Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Suyker and approved by roll call vote: Butcher—absent, Caffrey—yes, Gold--absent, Hughes—yes, Liegner—yes, Meuse--absent, Suyker—yes, Coronato—absent, Keimel—yes, Purpura—yes, Mayor Jacksic—yes, Chairman McKim—yes, for application 25-01.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liaison Update- General Township Matters.

Mayor Jacksic reported that Spring Valley Road is on schedule and should open at the beginning of May.

Co-Chairman Hughes asked for an update regarding the tree ordinance. Mayor Jacksic reported that the committee is waiting on direction from the state on whether to eliminate the tree ordinance for small town communities.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Jacksic made the motion, and it was carried to open the public session.

Gary Lehman stated that it is nice to see new faces.

Hughes made the motion and carried it was carried to close the public session.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Suyker, and approved by roll call vote: Butcher—absent, Caffrey—yes, Gold--absent, Hughes—yes, Liegner—yes, Meuse--absent, Suyker—yes, Coronato—absent, Keimel—yes, Purpura—yes, Mayor Jacksic—yes, Chairman McKim—yes to approve payment of the bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was made by Jacksic, seconded by Suyker, and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristin Shipps

Land Use Board Secretary