

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD MINUTES
February 13, 2025**

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Hughes at 7:00 pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

Co-Chairman Hughes 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”.

ROLL CALL:

The following Board Members were present: Lori Gold, William Hughes, Jon Liegner, Mayor Chris Jacksic, Alternates Cindy Keimel, and Jim Purpura.

Absent: Fred Butcher, Cynthia Caffrey, Nichole Meuse, Christina Suyker, Chairman McKim and Alternate Ty Coronato

Also, present were Board Secretary Kristin Shipps and Land Use Board Attorney Gavan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 9, 2025

Motion made by Jacksic, seconded by Liegner and carried to approve January 9, 2025 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application 2024-02 – 2 Lighting Bug Hollow Road, Block 601 Lot. 5.03 -Public Hearing Attorney Gavan swore in Bob Vander Clock. The applicant is requesting relief from the side yard setback. In accordance with Section 13-12.2c of the LDO (Land Development Ordinance), the minimum setback for a principal or accessory building or structure from a side lot line is 50 feet. The applicant is seeking setback relief of 15 feet for the proposed detached garage. The two-car garage will be 12 x 28 feet.

Board Member Liegner asked why the garage could not be closer to the house. Mr. Vander Clock responded that there is an underground power line, which would add to the expense. He also stated that a slope on his property makes the garage the best location.

No public comment

Jacksic made the motion, which was seconded by Gold and approved by roll call vote: Lori Gold, William Hughes, John Liegner, Mayor Chris Jacksic, Alternates Cindy Keimel, and Jim Purpura.

State Development and Redevelopment Plan and Cross-Acceptance Process

Mayor Jacksic stated that no one attended the March 24th meeting. Co-Chairman Hughes said he would contact Chairman McKim to see if he could attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

No Memorializing Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liaison Update-General Township Matters

Spring Valley Road is closed, and the work is expected to be completed within the next three months. Mayor Jacksic met with JCP&L about being more aggressive with tree trimming. Mayor Jacksic reported on affordable housing and stated that the township complies with a durational adjustment and will be in compliance for many years.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Jacksic, seconded by Liegner and carried to open public session.

Resident Denise Hendershot asked what the scope of the Land Use Board

Co-Chairman Hughes explained that the Land Use board combines the Planning and Zoning Board. Most of the applications that we hear are now Zoning board matters.

Motion made by Jacksic, seconded by Liegner and carried to close the public hearing.

Board Gold asked about the status of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. It was explained that they would have more information after the March meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

February 3, 2025, Department of Consumer Affairs

New Jersey Office of State Comptroller Regulation Readoption and Recodification.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

No Bills

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Jacksic, seconded by Liegner and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shipps, LUB Secretary