

JACKSON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING August 21, 2007

Call to Order by Chairman Fowler at 7:34 PM.
Flag Salute
Announced compliance with Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call:

PRESENT, Eugene Fowler Chairman, Hank Aranda, Richard Borys, Lonnie Cromwell, Denise Garner, Blanche Krubner, and Lori Neuman.

ABSENT:

Chairman Fowler asked for a motion to accept the June 17, 2007 minutes. Blanche Krubner stated that she had corrections to the minutes, and submitted a copy of the minutes provided via email to the Commission for review, with her requests for corrections indicated in green, yellow and red. Change requests are as follows:

Page #2, Paragraph #4: which read "Smart Growth (NJDEP and NJ Department of Commercial Affairs" to be changed to "Smart Growth (NJDEP and NJ Department of Community Affairs"

Page #3, Paragraph #5: which read: "Mr. George Fisher, 84 Bowman Road stated that there are 8 sites, but that they are one in the same, 1 family, 1 ownership" to be changed to: "Mr. George Fisher, 84 Bowman Road stated that there are 8 sites, but that they are one & the same, 1 family, 1 ownership". Notes taken by the Secretary during the meeting indicated that Mr. Fisher's statement was "they are one in the same" and no change was made to the July 17, 2007 minutes.

Page #3, Paragraph #6: which read, "It will be coming before the Board on August 20, and will be verified by Eugene Fowler. RG2 has been moved by August 6, and Mr. Kelly will represent at the meeting" to be changed to "It will be coming before the Planning Board on August 20, and will be verified by Eugene Fowler. RG2 has been moved to August 6, and Mr. Kelly will represent the applicant at the meeting".

Page #3, Paragraph #10, Original Draft of Grawtown letter created July 14, 2007: which read, "Also recommended is the use of non-structural storm water management whenever possible", requested change to, "Also recommended is the use of non-structural storm water management strategies whenever possible". Original draft letter was review, and "strategies" did not appear in the text, therefore, correction to July minutes was not made.

Page #3, last sentence: which read, "She also stated that vegetation takes over, and they can be identified by the vegetation" to be changed to, "She also stated that vegetation takes over, and they can be identified by the indicator vegetation".

Page #4, Paragraph #11: which read, "Blanche Krubner responded that the land use was written to discount evidence, in favor of the developers. That is why only credible witnesses can be used. Testimony can be limited to only qualified experts", to be changed to, "Blanche Krubner responded that the land use Law was written in favor of the developers. That is why only witnesses accepted by the courts as experts can be used. Testimony is limited to only those deemed as qualified experts". This change request does not correspond with the notes taken by the Secretary. The requested change was noted in the minutes, along with a statement that it does not correspond with the notes taken during the meeting by the Secretary.

Page #4, Fourth Paragraph from the bottom, which read, "He knows the land owners on the other side and could obtain permission to walk the properties to look for Pine Snakes", requested to be changed to, "He knows the land owners on the other side and could get permission to walk their properties to look for Pine Snakes". This request differed from the notes taken during the meeting, and the change was not made.

Corrections were to be made, and corrected minutes to be sent to Commission members for review prior to the September meeting.

Chairman Fowler asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2007 Special Meeting, Jackson Mews. Blanche Krubner stated that she had corrections to be made to the April 10, 2007 minutes and provided a copy of the minutes sent to Commission members for review with changes indicated in red as follows:

Page #1 under Wetlands, Paragraph #4 , applicant response to Eugene Fowler's questions regarding the wetlands and wetland buffers, which read, "There are no rivers contained in the project, waters on the project are streams", request to change to, "The applicant alleges that there are no rivers on the project, waters on the project are streams." After discussion, it was decided that the minutes would stand as originally submitted.

Page #2, P-5 Soils, Paragraph #1 which read, "Site contains Altsion sand" to correct the spelling from Altsion to Atsion.

Page #3, Paragraph #3 which read, "DEP Reliance Determination (LOI, buffer boundaries), Threatened and Endangered Species Repot" to correct the spelling to read, "Threatened and Endangered Species Report".

Motion was made by Dick Borys that the minutes be approved with the two spelling correction being completed. Motion was seconded by Denise Garner. Vote for motion: Aranda, abstain; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Old Business

Block 53 Lot 14.03, Pinerock Estates. No additional information has been received from the applicant, and per Blanche Krubner, the application is scheduled for the Planning Board September 17th. Motion was made by Eugene Fowler, (stepping from the Chair), seconded by Dick Borys to table the item until the new information is received from the applicant. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 67 Lot 31.03, Ralph Laks, Builder, Brewer's Bridge Road. Plans were discussed among Commissioners. Motion was made by Blanche Krubner that a letter is sent to Mr. Laks requesting that he appear before the Commission to explain the storm water management plan for this application, due to the fact that no storm water management plan was submitted with the Environmental Impact Statement. Motion was seconded by Dick Borys. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 20501 Lot 27, Casey Hunter, Whitesville Road and Cannon Blvd. Lonnie Cromwell has the plans for review; however, he could not retrieve the report from his computer, and did not have a copy of the plans or the Environmental Impact Statement at the meeting. Motion was made by Lori Newman to table the application until the September 18, 2007 meeting. Motion was seconded by Denise Garner. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Status of the Toms River C1 Commentary to NJDEP: Denise Garner and Eugene Fowler worked on the letter that was provided to Commissioners via email, final commentary due to NJDEP by July 20, 2007. The final letter was hand delivered by Eugene Fowler on July 20, 2007.

Status of Open Space to Jackson Township Council July 24, 2007 presentation: Eugene Fowler and Denise Garner are working on the letter. The Council will forward the letter to the State as a resolution. The draft will be finalized and forwarded to the Commissioners via email.

Status of Smart Growth (NJDEP an NJ Department of Community Affairs) Blanche Krubner will prepare a statement that she will send to the Commission members electronically.

Status of Environmental Education Sub-committee Report: Per Chairman Fowler, Kathy Rogacki could not attend the Commission meeting. As of September 1, 2007, there is a new watershed ambassador at DEP. Lonnie Cromwell contacted Jackson Memorial High School principal Tony Gaita. Eugene Fowler would like to have posters and materials posted in the school system using school contacts, i.e., teachers, etc.

Motion was made to close the status item by Hank Aranda, seconded by Lonnie Cromwell. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

New Business

Block 804 Lot 24, Richard Jordan, Constitution Drive. Plans were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Dick Borys for a letter of no interest to be forwarded to the Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Lonnie Cromwell. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, no; Fowler, yes

Block 154.29 Lot 6, 7-11, John Centimole, Swanson Terrace. Plans were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Dick Borys for a letter of no objection to be forwarded to the Zoning Board, seconded by Denise Garner. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, abstain; Fowler, yes

Block 6507 Lot 11 & 12, CLDP Associates, Harmony Bank, West County Line Road. Plans were discussed and reviewed. Motion was made by Dick Borys for a letter of no objection to be forwarded to the Zoning Board, seconded by Hank Aranda. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, recused; Fowler, yes

Block 111.03, Lots 105 & 107, Charlie Brown's Office and Restaurant, North County Line Road, near Cook Road. Plans were reviewed. A motion was made that a letter be forwarded as follows: The Commission does not have any objection to the proposed lot size. However, following the review of the variance report, the Commission is asking that the applicant provide additional information on storm water management; the basins; why they did not develop one of their own and are relying on South Knolls and the wetlands. The Commission would like to also note that a tree save plan was submitted, but is not legible. The letter is to be addressed to D W Smith, LLC. Motion was made by Blanche Krubner, no second was recorded. Vote: Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 9701 Lot 31.25, The Premier at Whispering Grove, Gregory Bassignani, Parkside Drive. Following plan review and general discussion, motion was made by Dick Borys to forward a letter of no interest. Motion was seconded by Hank Aranda. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, abstain; Fowler, yes

Block 2603 Lot 13, West Commodore Business Park, West Commodore Blvd. After initial review, motion was made by Lonnie Cromwell for Lori Neuman to take the plans to perform a site inspection. Motion was

seconded by Dick Borys. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 6501 Lots 42.06 & 43, Michele R. Katz, History Lane. After cursory review, motion was made by Dick Borys that Lonnie Cromwell takes the plans to perform a site inspection and provide a report to the Commission at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Blanche Krubner. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 13802 Lots 5, 6, & 7, 53 West Cross Street, LLC. Following initial review, motion was made by Blanche Krubner that Dick Borys perform a site inspection and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Lonnie Cromwell. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 601 Lot 2, Metedeconk National Golf Course Annex Building, Rte. 527/ Siloam Road. Plans were reviewed and following general discussion Dick Borys made a motion for a letter of no objection to be forwarded to the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Hank Aranda. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, abstain; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 22105 Lot 1.01, Faraday Associates, Fargo Avenue. Following plan review and discussion, motion was made by Lonnie Cromwell that Eugene Fowler perform a site inspection and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Dick Borys. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 111 Lot 33.03, Proposed PNC Bank, Count Line Road and North Cooks Bridge Road. Site plan was reviewed and motion was made by Hank Aranda that Eugene Fowler performs a site inspection and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Lori Neuman. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 8.01, Lot 32.04, Hometown Developers/ Hometown Pool Supply, Hawkins Road and West Veteran's Highway. No hardcopy plans, EIS or letter was provided. All correspondence has been via email or telephone with Eugene Fowler. Motion was made by Hank Aranda that Eugene Fowler follows up with the applicant, prepare a letter and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Denise Garner. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 22105 Lot 1.02, Eagle Ridge Golf Course 9 Hole Extension. Motion was made by Dick Borys that the plans are given to Denise Garner to perform a site inspection and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Lonnie Cromwell. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Block 8.01 Lot 31, Mordechai Gelbhauer, Proposed Commercial Center, West Veteran's Highway. Motion was made by Lonnie Cromwell that Eugene Fowler takes the plans to perform a site inspection and report at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Dick Borys. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

All correspondence received was provided to Chairman Fowler for review.

Motion was made by Dick Borys to pay the Board Secretary Salary \$100.00 for the August 21, 2007 meeting, seconded by Blanche Krubner. Aranda, abstained stating he could not vote because he did not

know where the money was coming from; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

Motion was made by Dick Borys to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M., seconded by Hank Aranda. Aranda, yes; Borys, yes; Cromwell, yes; Garner, yes; Newman, yes; Krubner, yes; Fowler, yes

NEXT MEETING, Tuesday September 18, 2007, 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at the Municipal Building. .

Minutes prepared and submitted by Lisa Knoll