

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
PLANNING BOARD**

MINUTES

June 27, 2019

Regular Meeting

Chairman Christopher Garcia opened the June 27, 2019 regular meeting of the West Milford Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the Legal Notice followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Christopher Garcia, Linda Connolly, Ada Erik, Warren Gross, Douglas Ott, Geoffrey Syme, Glenn Wenzel.

Absent: Steven Castronova, Matthew Conlon, Scott Leonescu, Councilman Luciano Signorino, Board Attorney Thomas Germinario, Board Engineer Paul Ferriero, Board Planner Jessica Caldwell.

Chairman Garcia advised that a quorum was present to hold this regular meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

The public portion was opened by Chairman Christopher Garcia. With no one present wishing to address the Board, the public portion was **closed** on a **motion** by Ada Erik with a **second** by Linda Connolly.

APPLICATIONS

NEW APPLICATIONS – None.

PENDING APPLICATIONS – None.

MEMORIALIZATIONS – None.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – None.

ORDINANCES REFERRED FROM COUNCIL – None.

BOARD PLANNER’S REPORT – None.

BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

BOARD ENGINEER’S REPORT – None.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

Ada Erik reported that the draft short term rental ordinance was still under attorney review following referral to the Governing Body by the Planning Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

Invoices

The invoices for the month of May from the Planning Board professionals were **unanimously approved** on a **motion** by Geoffrey Syme with a **second** by Warren Gross.

On other matters, Ada Erik reported that there are funds available from the Highlands Council for Environmental Commissions for various projects.

Ms. Erik reported that cameras have been installed behind the Tractor Supply store to help deter the perpetrators who have been throwing the wooden pallets, styrofoam and other debris into the Cooley Brook (which drains into Belchers Creek.) The property owners and store personnel are doing their best to address the issues and are considering other deterrents.

Chairman Christopher Garcia reported on a citizens committee that he was involved in coordinating which included various stakeholders united to create a centralized park that would connect several sites in Hewitt through the Belchers Creek corridor. This would include trails and walkways to connect commercial to natural and recreational

locations. A plan will be formulated and presented to the responsible entities. He stressed that this is not an official effort and is not intended to undercut any Commission or Board projects, but merely a means to assist local business and promote recreation.

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The Minutes from the May 23, 2019 regular meeting were **unanimously approved** by the Board Members who were present at that meeting, on a **motion** by Glenn Wenzel and a **second** by Douglas Ott.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

The following correspondence items were reviewed by the Board:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. None.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. None.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 8, 2019, received for David Sisco Izak, 38 Castle Rock Road, Block 2202; Lot 1.01 for disturbance of 0.27 acres for the construction of a pole barn.
2. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 13, 2019, received for Scott Walker, Riverdale, NJ, regarding 1957 Macopin Road, Block 8002; Lot 6 for 0.715 acres of land grading.
3. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 3, 2019, received for the Township of West Milford regarding Lycosky Drive, Block 6002; Lot 28.02 for 3.0 acres of disturbance for the Farrell Soccer Field Rehabilitation project.
4. NJ Planning Association newsletter – March April 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Chairman Christopher Garcia advised that the next regular meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2019. The Board Members will be advised if this meeting will be cancelled if there are no new applications ready for a hearing. The Board Secretary reported that the Kingwood Flex LLC site plan application for a proposed Dollar Tree retail business at the Belchers Run shopping center has been resubmitted and is currently under a second completeness review, with a possible hearing date for August or September.

With no other matters to be brought before the Planning Board, Chairman Christopher Garcia **adjourned** the regular meeting of June 27, 2019 at 7:25 p.m. on a **motion** made by Ada Erik with a **second** by Geoffrey Syme.

Approved: August 22, 2019

Respectfully submitted by,

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary