

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
AUGUST 11, 2011**

There was the regular meeting of the Hardwick Township Planning Board on Thursday, August 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Walter Ribitzki. He led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

The following Planning Board Members were present: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Jim McKim, David Peck, Rick Woods, Al Carrazzone, and Walter Ribitzki. Board Member Absent: Robert Ferrante and Lori Gold. Also Present: Board Engineer Ted Rodman, Board Attorney Robert Morgenstern, and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2011, were distributed to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. McKim made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Peck. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Woods and Mr. Carrazzone, who were not present at the July meeting and they abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

#11-002 George Fee, Block 901, Lots 6.03 & 6.06

George Fee was present and he described the proposed lot line adjustment, which was briefly reviewed by the Board. He stated that he has received Warren County approval, dated July 26, 2011 and he provided the Board with a copy of the approval letter. Board Engineer Rodman stated that there are no variances and he sees no issues with the lot line adjustment.

In a motion made and seconded the hearing was opened to the public. With there being no public comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Peck made the motion to approve the Minor Subdivision. Motion seconded by Mr. McKim. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

CONCEPTUAL:

Nature Conservancy, Block 503, Lot 5.01

John Keenan was present on behalf of Nature Conservancy and he stated that they recently purchased property within the Township and they had several questions in regards to a proposed minor subdivision and who will actually be the Applicant, which the Board discussed.

Mayor Duffy stated that the Board has no record of any sketch plat being received by the Surveyor and Mr. Keenan provided a copy to Board Engineer Rodman. It was agreed that another meeting needs to be scheduled to determine how to move forward and Mayor Duffy asked that he be contacted directly at his home phone number.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting was opened to the public.

John Crisman was present and he stated that he has several questions in regards to a subdivision that is being proposed. He stated that he is proposing a subdivision with the State and also another subdivided lot with a remainder lot, for a total of three lots, which the Board briefly discussed. Mr. Crisman stated that he will most likely be back before the Board in October.

With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Stormwater Control Ordinance

Chairman Ribitzki stated that he sent an email to the State and he received in writing a response granting a 180 day extension. He stated that he will be back in contact with the State once the summer vacations are over.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

#10-003 Thomas and Sandra Tillman, Block 501, Lot 16

Mr. McKim made the motion to adopt the Resolution addressing the clarification of the Joint Maintenance Agreement. Motion seconded by Mayor Duffy.

In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Woods and Mr. Carrazzone, who abstained as they were not present at the July meeting.

OTHER:

The Board then went on to review the latest draft Swine Ordinance prepared by Board Attorney Morgenstern at great length and several modifications were suggested. Board Engineer Rodman stated that he will also prepare a memo with other suggested modifications to the Township Ordinances.

Mr. McKim made the motion to recommend the Ordinance to the Township Committee as modified this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Woods commented on the suggested shade trees and he questioned whether the Township has a Shade Tree Ordinance, which the Board briefly discussed.

Board Engineer Rodman briefly commented on some of the suggested ordinance modifications, which he will address in his memo.

BILLS:

The following vouchers were submitted for payment:

Dolan & Dolan-Tillman	75.00
Dolan & Dolan-General	187.50
Dolan & Dolan-Fee	124.50

Mr. Carrazzone made the motion to approve the bills. Motion seconded by Mr. Woods. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary