

Maurice River Township Land Use Board

The Chairman announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey.

Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2014

Present: B. Stowman, A. Sarclette, K. Ireland, R. Chard, R. Hoffman, G. Gross, J. Lafferty, J. Pflaumer, T. Imbaratto, M. Benson

Flag Salute

The minutes of November 5, 2014 were read

Motion Ireland to accept minutes, Ireland, 2nd Gross; Chard and Sarclette abstained; All others in favor

Correspondence:

*Copy of letter to NJ DEP

Re: Robert and April Camp
172 Main Street
Block 311, Lot 68

Letter of interpretation and Expansion of existing pavement, building, or other structures

Resolution #2014-08

Leesburg Riverfront Area, Determination of an Area in Need of Redevelopment Resolution Memorialization

This resolution is recommending to the Township Committee that Lots 7, 8 and 18 in Block 281, and Lots 33 and 34 in Block 296 be declared an area in need of redevelopment

The resolution was discussed and M. Benson outlined what the next steps would be.

The resolution is a recommendation to the Township Committee, they can send it back to the LUB during the planning stage. Then it will go back to the Committee for Approval.

Roll Call vote 7 Yes, 2 Abstained

Status of East Point Lighthouse Protection

K. Ireland gave a report on the status. The Governor approved a \$500,000 grant for East Point Lighthouse. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corp are both involved. They are still trying to figure out how and who the money will be distributed through. The next step is signing off on the project. (\$500,000 towards the \$630,000 cost.) The DEP, Bureau of Coastal Engineering is trying to come up with the additional \$130,000.

There is also another grant that is out, due by Dec 15, the CDBLG Grant. It is only for the 9 counties. It can be shared so they are seeing if it can be combined to work on the mouth of the Maurice River. Bob Brewer is checking with Cape May County. There are a lot of things going on right now with several different agencies.

There was a meeting at the Mosquito Commission in reference ALS and funding for Beach Restoration. (Moore's Beach and possibly including Thompson's Beach and Cox's Meadow.) And other beaches up to Fortescue.

They would like to restore the beaches for the Horseshoe Crabs, Eggs, Birds.

Ireland also noted that DEP did not put in for a grant for the mouth of the Maurice River, they stated that they thought Maurice River Township had put in for it.

G. Gross asked, when is something going to happen @ the Lighthouse?

There was a discussion on Maurice River signing off on the project. And B. Stowman spoke on what the project is supposed to entail, 11 foot berm on the beach side, and possibly another berm surrounding the lighthouse.

The Army Corp said it is on the fast track.

There was a discussion on the sand at Thompson's Beach.

There was a discussion on the appointment of professionals. M. Benson stated that the Board does have the right to appoint it's own professionals. Stowman stated that by default, accepting what the Committee does, makes us not have to put out requests for applications. Benson stated that some Boards have a Fair and Open Process where they send out for bids. Our Land Use Board does not have that. It is something that we could put in place. And once a year we would be accepting proposals for the consultants. Only the ones that send in proposals would be ones that could be considered.

Nothing has been submitted and the Board has not solicited.

There was a discussion on using the professionals that the Committee selects. And also on the solicitor being different than what the Township itself uses due to conflicts.

T. Imbaratto had comment on how the Board appoints the engineer and the guidelines for that.

Discussion on last years appointment and how that went.

Stowman asked if we would want to have some procedure. Benson stated that is something that we would look at for a different time.

Johnson stated that she has all the bills on file and if anyone would like to look at it, it is always available.

Discussion on reorganization

Pflaumer, Thompson, Hoffman are all due for reappointment.

Citizen Leadership Forms were given to them.

The Township Committee Reorganization will be on January 2, 2015. The Board will reorganization and regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7. 2015.

No public comment

Motion to adjourn Hoffman, 2nd Chard, AIF

Respectfully Submitted,



Lillian J. Johnson, Secretary