

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Burke
R. Dodds
D. Haywood
W. Kastning
J. Mathieu
E. Niemann (8:52 PM)
J. Strasser
S. McNicol, Alt. #1
D. Banisch, Planner
D. Pierce, Attorney

ABSENT: T. Siano
M. Knapp, Alt. #2

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Mathieu at 8:03 PM.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Delaware Valley News and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

V. Uhl of Uhl, Baron, Rana & Associates, was present this evening to discuss his qualifications as a hydro geologist for the Township of Kingwood. He stated he has worked with public water utilities and several local municipalities. Half of his practice is on the clean water side and the other half is ground water contamination. He stated he would like to assist in the development of a well testing ordinance for the township, commercial development and any contamination dilution. He helped with the county tool box by developing the well head, storm water and aquifer testing ordinances. In response to a question from R. Dodds in regard to septic failures, V. Uhl responded septic systems are designed to leak and recharge the aquifer. There needs to be a certain separation between septic systems and wells. Contamination to wells from septic systems usually occurs when the septic is up gradient of a well and poor well construction. V. Uhl has no relationship with any member of the administration or board members. He made a political contribution to the Democratic Committee in 2004.

D. Pierce stated there is nothing in writing as to the responsibilities of the Board's hydro geologist. The hydro geologist is retained by the Township. His primary responsibility is to administer the aspects of the ordinances requiring his expertise. He could also be responsible for any work the

Board moves to authorize him to perform. After some discussion, it was decided D. Pierce would prepare the requirements for the hydro geologist and provide it to the Board for review at next month's meeting.

Subcommittee Meeting

J. Strasser stated the subcommittee met on February 21, 2007. Some of the items discussed at the meeting were septic and well ordinances, storm water management basins, septic testing for primary and reserve systems, fencing around basins, bus shelters, fire tanks, curbing, swales and sidewalks and road names. In regard to bus shelters, J. Burke has spoken with the school and they are opposed to the idea. J. Mathieu stated the Board could create a standard for it and if a developer proposed it, the standards would be in place. J. Strasser stated one item discussed was if a developer did not finish a development whose responsibility would it be to complete the development. D. Pierce stated after final approval, the developer has to post a maintenance and performance bond. The value is determined with consultation of the Township Engineer. It is approved through a developer's agreement with the Township Committee and Township Attorney.

Checklist

After some discussion, it was decided 27 copies of the checklist and plat would be requested, with the additional copies for distribution to the Planner or Hydro geologist, if necessary.

E. Niemann entered the meeting at 8:52 PM.

After some discussion, it was decided some corrections were needed to the draft checklist before being submitted to the Township Committee for introduction. In regard to the submission of plats, the language pertaining to the CAD drawings should be as specific as Hunterdon County's.

Master Plan

D. Banisch reviewed his correspondence to the Board in regard to the Master Plan. The Board will discuss the memos at the March Board meeting.

D. Pierce stated the agenda for the March meeting is not large. The only application will be a representative for LKR, who would like to make his argument as to the requested variances.

J. Mathieu inquired if the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) could be placed in the Master Plan. D. Banisch responded the ERI should be placed as an attachment to the Conservation Plan Element. R. Dodds stated the ERI needs to be updated. L. Voronin volunteered the Environmental Commission would be willing to update the ERI. D. Banisch stated he is doing an application for a grant to ANJEC and could incorporate the updating of the ERI.

J. Burke suggested the Board members should narrow down the Statement of Goals and Objectives for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by D. Haywood and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 PM.
All members voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenschach, Secretary