

HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD MINUTES
March 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McKim at 7:00 pm.
Flag Salute.

Chairman McKim Read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on township website and on the bulletin board of the municipal building at 40 Spring Valley Rd.

Those present were.

Fred Butcher, Cynthia Caffrey, Lorraine Gold, Robert Hann, William Hughes, Nichole Meuse, Mayor Chris Jacksic and Chairman McKim.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023

Motion made by Jacksic, second by Meuse and approved by roll call vote: Butcher—yes, Caffrey—abstain, Gold—yes, Hann—yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes, McKim—yes the February 9, 2023 Meeting minutes.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

IN THE MATTER OF Bryan Rybicki, C Variance Application Block 301, Lot 14.

Chairman McKim and Nichole Meuse had corrections to the resolution which they read aloud. Clerk Shipps will make those changes.

Motion made by Jacksic, second by Hughes and approved by roll call vote Butcher—yes, Caffrey—abstain, Gold—yes, Hann—yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes, McKim—yes Rybicki resolution with changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Township Committee Ordinance 2023-04.

An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey creating article XV of Chapter 13 - Land Development - Entitled “Steep Slopes” to Regulate the Intensity of use in Areas of Steeply Sloping Terrain in Order to Limit Soil Loss, Erosion, Excessive Stormwater Runoff, the Degradation of Surface Water and to Maintain the Natural Topography of Drainage Patters of Land.

The Board was presented with the Township Committee ordinance 2023-04 which was introduced at the March 1, 2023, Township Committee meeting. Chairman McKim stated that steep slope was discussed in 2020 citing there was no definition for steep slope in the current ordinance. The discussion was tabled and not discussed again.

Most of the members of this Board had concerns of the 20% steep slope. Chairman McKim provided language to the Board changing the percentage to 35% steep slope which the Board agreed with.

Mayor Jacksic explained to the Land Use Board a home that is currently being built has triggered this Ordinance.

Motion made by Hughes, second by Butcher and approved by roll call vote: **Butcher—yes, Caffrey—abstain, Gold—yes, Hann—yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes, McKim—yes** Land Use Board recommending replacement text to the Township Committee with regard to steep slope.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liaison Update-General Township Matters.

Mayor Jacksic stated that there may be an application from 35 Stillwater Rd.

Discussion took place regarding the Open Space plan and how Chapter 5 has been rewritten.

Mrs. Gold would like to keep the discussion open on big buildings being built on smaller lots to avoid industrialization and for the town to have control.

Mr. Hughes explained that the town does have control because of impervious coverage requirements which works, with the exception of the smaller lots.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public in attendance

CORRESPONDENCE:

Land Use Board Secretary Shipps stated that she will not be present for the April meeting and there is a possibility of two applications. The board agreed if there are applications Patricia Kolb may stand in.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Two bills were presented to the Board both from French & Parrello.

Motion made by Meuse, second by Jacksic and approved by roll call vote: **Butcher—yes, Caffrey—abstain, Gold—yes, Hann—yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic— yes, McKim—yes to pay both bills.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Meuse, second by Jacksic and carried to adjourn tonight meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Kristin Shipps