

MINUTES

Hopewell Township Land Use Board

May 20, 2020

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Hopewell Township Land Use Board was held on via the GotoMeeting platform on May 20, 2020.

Chairman Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Notice was duly sent to The South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal for publication as prescribed by Law. Notice was also posted on the Township bulletin board and municipal website. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The following members were present: Chairman Andersen, Committeeman Shoemaker, Committeeman Ritter, Mr. Hepner, Mr. Earnest, Mr. Strait, Mrs. Crispin, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Caggiano, Mr. Tedesco, and Mr. Shimp

The following members were absent: None

Others Present: John Hitchner (Secretary), Bob Pryor (Board Solicitor), Leo Selb (Zoning Officer), Mr. Eachus, Mrs. Federico

Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The minutes from April 15, 2020 regular meeting were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Strait and seconded by Mr. Earnest to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Secretary Hitchner and Mr. Pryor go over the waiver process with the Board. Mr. Selb explains the necessity of these waivers due to the ag buffer.

Waiver #1: Block 19, Lot 7.01 Mr. Eachus is requesting a waiver from the ag buffer restrictions in order to install a new pool

The Board makes Mr. Eachus aware of the possibility of drift by placing his pool within the ag buffer. Mr. Strait makes a motion to approve the waiver pending a form which is signed by Mr. Eachus and the Zoning Officer. Mr. Hepner seconds the motion. Motion carries with a unanimous roll call vote.

Waiver #2: Block 75, Lot 2.06 The Federico's are requesting a waiver from the ag buffer ordinance in order to install a new pool.

Mrs. Federico asks Secretary Hitchner how long it would take the Committee to amend the ordinance. Mr. Hitchner states at a minimum it would take 14 days for public notice if the Committee had a special meeting to address the issue.

The Board makes the Federico family aware of the possibility of drift by placing his pool within the ag buffer. Mr. Ritter makes a motion to approve the waiver pending a form which is signed by the Federicos and the Zoning Officer. Mr. Earnest seconds the motion. Motion carries with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board discusses sending the Township Committee a letter concerning allowing accessory structures in the ag buffer to reduce the burden on property owners.

Mr. Hepner makes a motion for Mr. Pryor to draft a letter to the Township Committee to allow accessory structures. Motion is seconded by Mr. Earnest. Motion carries with a unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Ritter and Mr. Shoemakers abstaining.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Earnest at 8:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hitchner
Land Use Board Secretary