

Stillwater Township Planning Board
Minutes of
February 20, 2013

The reorganization and regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Planning Board was held in the Municipal Building, Middleville, New Jersey and was called to order by Alfia Schemm at 7:40 p.m. She led the Board in the flag salute and she announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been given to the public and the press under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq. Attorney Morgenstern administered the oath of office to Lisa Chammings, George Scott and Arlene Fisher.

Members Present: Mr. Emmons
Mr. Donofrio
Ms. Feenstra
Ms. Fisher
Ms. English
Ms. Chammings
Mr. Scott

Members Excused: Mr. Branagan

REORGANIZATION

Election of Chairman

Attorney Morgenstern called for a nomination for Chairman. Mr. Scott made the motion to nominate David Emmons as Chairman. Motion seconded by Ms. Fisher. Attorney Morgenstern asked if there were any other nominations. With there being no further nominations, Mr. Scott made the motion to close the nomination. Motion seconded by Ms. Chammings. Roll call vote:

Mr. Scott-Yes	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Abstain	

Election of Vice-Chairman:

Chairman Emmons then called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Ms. Fisher made the motion to nominate Catherine Feenstra as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Chairman Emmons asked if there were any other nominations. With there being no other nominations, Mr. Scott made the motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Roll call vote:

Mr. Scott-Yes	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Yes	

Appointment of Board Professionals:

Ms. Fisher made the motion to appoint Dolan & Dolan, Robert Morgenstern as the Board Attorney and Golden & Moran, Joseph Golden as the Board Engineer. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott. Roll call vote:

Mr. Scott-Yes	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Yes	

Appointment of Board Secretary:

Mr. Scott made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm as the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Ms. Fisher. Roll call vote:

Mr. Scott-Yes	Ms. Feenstra-Yes
Ms. Chammings-Yes	Ms. English-Yes
Ms. Fisher-Yes	Mr. Donofrio-Yes
Mr. Emmons-Yes	

Designation of Meeting Date, Time and Place

Chairman Emmons reviewed the meeting date as the third Wednesday and the first Wednesday in case there is a need for a work session.

Mr. Scott made the motion to designate the 3rd Wednesday of the month as the Regular Agenda Meeting, at 7:30 p.m., at the Stillwater Township Municipal Building. He also added that the Chairman has the discretion to modify the meeting schedule if necessary. Motion seconded by Ms. Fisher. Roll call vote:

- Mr. Scott-Yes
- Ms. Feenstra-Yes
- Ms. Chamblings-Yes
- Ms. English-Yes
- Ms. Fisher-Yes
- Mr. Donofrio-Yes
- Mr. Emmons-Yes

Designation of the Official Newspaper

Mr. Scott made the motion to designate the NJ HERALD and the SUNDAY NJ HEARLD as the Official Newspapers. Motion seconded by Ms. Fisher. Roll call:

- Mr. Scott-Yes
- Ms. Feenstra-Yes
- Ms. Chamblings-Yes
- Ms. English-Yes
- Ms. Fisher-Yes
- Mr. Donofrio-Yes
- Mr. Emmons-Yes

MINUTES:

Ms. Fisher made the motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2012. Motion seconded by Ms. Feenstra. Roll call vote to adopt the minutes.

- Mr. Scott-Abstain
- Ms. Feenstra-Yes
- Ms. Chamblings-Yes
- Ms. English-Yes
- Ms. Fisher-Yes
- Mr. Donofrio-Yes
- Mr. Emmons-Yes

Mr. Scott made the motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012. Motion seconded by Ms. Chamblings. Roll call vote to adopt the minutes.

- Mr. Scott-Yes
- Ms. Feenstra-Abstain
- Ms. Chamblings-Yes
- Ms. English-Yes
- Ms. Fisher-Abstain
- Mr. Donofrio-Yes
- Mr. Emmons-Yes

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Emmons opened the meeting up to the public. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

BILLS:

	Dolan & Dolan		
1-31-13	Re: General		77.50
12-31-12	Re: General		233.33
12-31-12	Re: General		150.00

NJ Herald

	Re: Notices		38.40
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Mr. Scott made the motion to approve the bills, funds permitting. Motion seconded by Ms. Fisher. Roll call:

- Mr. Scott-Yes
- Ms. Feenstra-Yes
- Ms. Chamblings-Yes
- Ms. English-Yes
- Ms. Fisher-Yes
- Mr. Donofrio-Yes
- Mr. Emmons-Yes

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Wind Turbines-Vertical and Horizontal

The Board briefly touched on the subject and they agreed to carry the topic for now.

Use of Property

Ms. Fisher briefly touched on this subject and it was agreed to carry the topic for now.

Solar Ordinance

The Board briefly discussed the draft Ordinances, which have already been distributed. Ms. Chamblings provided a copy of the 2012 Fredon Ordinances to the Board Secretary

so that it can be distributed for next month. Chairman Emmons stated that he feels that the Board should concentrate on Solar next.

Accessory Structures Ordinance Amendment

Ms. Fisher updated the Board on a current situation that exists within the Township and Board Attorney Morgenstern reviewed a draft Ordinance that he prepared, which the Board reviewed and discussed, at great length. It was agreed that the Board would review this matter again next month and Board Engineer Golden will also do some research on the issue.

Liaison Updates-Committee, Mayor, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Commission

Mr. Scott, Mayor Designee, stated that there was a brief discussion in regards to a Land Use Board; however, he stated that he feels that the more people involved in the community the better, as long as there are enough volunteers.

Ms. Chamings, Committee Designee, stated that the Township could gain Sustainable NJ points if they had a Wind Ordinance/Solar Ordinance. She stated that there also is a plan to renovate the Township Municipal Building and there may be some grants that the Township could apply for.

Ms. Fisher updated the Board on the applications heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board also reviewed the configuration of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment and the vacancies on both Boards.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Emmons noted that there is no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, there was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary