

OXFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND USE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 26, 2019

FLAG SALUTE:

CALL TO ORDER: Secretary M. Housman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ADEQUATE NOTICE was given as follows: Notice was sent to the bulletin board in the Township Administration building in Oxford, Township, New Jersey, and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE: Oath of office was administered to existing and new members of the Land Use Board by Attorney R. Schneider.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Ort, Mr. Nyland, Mr. Mcguire, Mr. Mack, Ms. Smorzaniuk, Mr. Norton, Ms. Miller, Ms. Zimmerman

Members Absent: Mr. Niece, Mr. Ischinger, Mr. Quigley

Also Present: Attorney R. Schneider, Engineer K. Smith

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Election of Chairperson

A motion was made by Mr. Nyland to nominate Mr. Niece as Chairman, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman, there being no other nominations, roll call was taken and was unanimous.

A vote was taken motion by Mr. Nyland, second by Mr. Mcguire to allow Ms. Zimmerman to be temporary Chair person roll call was taken and the vote was unanimous.

Election of Vice Chairperson

A motion was made by Ms. Smorzaniuk, to nominate Mr. Ischinger as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Nyland, there being no other nominations, roll call was taken and was unanimous.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to retain Michael Finelli of Finelli Consulting Engineers as Land Use Engineer, Richard Schneider of Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider as Land Use Attorney, James Kyle of Kyle Planning & Design as Land Use Planner, seconded by Mr. Nyland, all ayes motion carried.

A motion to appoint Margaret Housman as Land Use Board secretary was made by Ms. Smorzaniuk, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman, all ayes motion carried.

Schedule for 2019:

A motion to approve the 2019 Schedule of Meeting dates was made by Ms. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Mack, all ayes motion carried.

Official Newspapers:

A motion to designate the Express Times and the Star Gazette as the official Newspapers was made by Mr. Nyland, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman, all ayes motion carried.

MINUTES: Meeting minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting.

A motion to approve the December 18, 2018 meeting minutes as written for those who were eligible was made by Ms. Smorzaniuk, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. Vote: Smorzaniuk, Zimmerman, Miller, Mack – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

COMPLETENESS ITEM:

1. Variance application for 228 Belvidere Ave. Block 2.01 Lot 23. Applicants being Robert Ernst and Olga Jakubova.
A motion to deem the application incomplete was made by Mr. Mcguire seconded by Ms. Smorzaniuk, Vote: Mcguire, Smorzaniuk, Ort, Norton, Miller, Zimmerman, Mack – Ayes, 0 – Nay, Nyland – Abstained, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Site Plan waiver application for Barbara Griffin of 8 Robeson Ridge Block 33.02 Lot 27 for a home occupation for a small photo studio. Ms. Griffin was represented by Attorney Cynthia Collins. Attorney Collins briefly reviewed the site plan waiver application before the board. Attorney R. Schneider swore in applicant Barbara Griffiin. Ms. Griffin explained she has been taking photography lessons and would like to open a photography studio in her home. The studio would be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and maybe a Saturday. Ms. Griffin will be the only employee and would check with the zoning official prior to posting signage.
PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was offered.
A motion to approve was made by Mr. Nyland, seconded by Mr. Ort, Vote: Nyland, Ort, Norton, Miller, Smorzaniuk, Mcguire, Zimmerman, Mack – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstained, all ayes motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was offered.


Deputy Mayor R. Nyland briefly spoke about the closing of Covanta in March 2019 and the possibilities of future development for the township.

VOUCHERS: A motion to pay the vouchers submitted for payment was made by Mr. Nyland, seconded by Mr. Ort, all ayes motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

With no further business before the board and no public comment offered the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret Housman, Secretary