

STATE OF NEW JERSEY SITE IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023

Online Virtual Teams Meeting
Department of Community Affairs

ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

Valerie Hrabal, Chair
Janice Talley, Vice Chair
Jason Kasler
Timothy Kernan
Thomas Olenik
Thomas O'Shea
Joseph Staigar
Suzanne Walters

DCA Staff:

Toritseju Agbeyegbe
Maria Connolly
Marie Daniels
Keith Henderson
Ian Rayfield

Guests:

Public attendees joined using a registration link, and only those who registered and announced themselves will be listed herein.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Valerie Hrabal, chair of the Site Improvement Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (P.L. 1975, chapter 231), notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting was given to the Secretary of State of New Jersey, The Star-Ledger of Newark, The Asbury Park Press, The Press of Atlantic City, and The Courier-Post of Camden.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and attendance noted for the record.

MINUTES

Ms. Janice Talley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Timothy Kernan, to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Subchapter 7, Stormwater Management Changes

Ms. Marie Daniels requested that in continuation from the December meeting, that the Board discuss the draft changes to Subchapter 7, Stormwater Management. Mr. Jason Kasler and Ms. Janice Talley both believe that the draft should be amended due to issues between Subchapter 7 referencing Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) rules and the fact that DEP rules do not stipulate between a minor and major development. Ms. Janice Talley stated that the language within the draft would allow municipalities to choose their own maximum standard. Due to disagreement and a need for clarification, the board agrees that legal interpretation from the Attorney General's Office is necessary and that discussion concerning the changes will be put on hold until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The chair asked for public comments. The following are all the public responses.

Mr. Grant Lucking stated the Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS) should be the end all be all and that if the DCA and DEP rules conflict then an advisory opinion is needed.

Ms. Michelle Donato stated that Mr. Jason Kasler and Ms. Janice Talley are speaking to important issues. Ms. Donato further noted that the RSIS should not be the maximum standard and that the DCA should defer to the DEP as they are the proper environmental agency. Lastly, Ms. Donato believes that the DCA should abandon this rulemaking.

Mr. Michael Pisauro noted that stormwater is a water quality issue. Additionally, Mr. Pisauro stated that this is a complex problem and that a better process is needed and suggests looking into Executive Order 63 for stakeholder input.

Ms. Lucia Osborne stated that municipalities should have the ability to pass ordinances and make their own choices when it comes to stormwater management. Ms. Osborne noted that the stormwater rules should not have minimum and maximum regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Ms. Valerie Hrabal, chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.