

Disclaimer

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PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETING
Richard J. Sullivan Center
Terrence D. Moore Conference Room
15 Springfield Road
New Lisbon, New Jersey

MINUTES

March 13, 2020

Commissioners Present

Alan W. Avery Jr., William Pikolycky and Chairman Richard Prickett. Also present were Executive Director Nancy Wittenberg and Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Kristina Miles.

Commissioners Participating by Phone

Daniel Christy, Sean Earlen, Jordan P. Howell, Jane Jannarone, Ed Lloyd and Mark Lohbauer. Governor's Authorities Unit representative Craig Ambrose.

Commissioners Absent

Candace M. Ashmun, Jerome H. Irick, D'Arcy Rohan Green and Gary Quinn.

Chairman Prickett called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

DAG Miles read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement (OPMA).

Executive Director Nancy Wittenberg called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The Commission and public in attendance pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Policy and Implementation Committee Report

Chairman Prickett provided an update on the February 28, 2020 Policy and Implementation Committee meeting:

The Committee adopted the minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting.

The Committee received a presentation by the State Agriculture Development Committee on its draft soil protection standards for preserved farms, noting the need to balance conservation with agricultural development.

The Committee reviewed draft CMP amendments related to the Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems pilot program. This is the first in a series of presentations on various amendments that were discussed at the Committee's January 24, 2020 meeting.

The Committee met in closed session to discuss land acquisition.

Minutes

Chairman Prickett presented the minutes from the Commission's February 14, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Avery moved the adoption of the minutes. Commissioner Lohbauer seconded the motion.

The minutes from the February 14, 2020 Commission meeting were adopted by a vote of 9 to 0.

Personnel and Budget Committee Meeting

Commissioner Avery provided an update on the March 3, 2020 Personnel and Budget (P&B) Committee:

The Committee adopted the minutes from the August 9, 2019 meeting.

The check registers, electronic disbursements and application fees covering July 2019 to January 2020 were reviewed. It was noted that the Fiscal Year 2020 application fees are currently at 33% of the anticipated amount.

The Human Resources manager provided an update on employee actions.

Staff presented a resolution to authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the New Jersey Historic Trust for a 2020 Preserve NJ Historic Preservation Fund Grant. The P&B Committee voted to move the resolution for Commission approval.

The Executive Director reviewed proposals for a new accounting firm.

There was no public comment.

The Committee met in Closed Session for an update on CWA contract negotiations.

ED Wittenberg said that staff will not be reporting on any other matters today due to the constraints of many Commissioners participating by phone.

Public Development Projects and Other Permit Matters

Chairman Prickett presented a resolution recommending approval for the demolition of two single family dwellings in Pemberton Township.

Commissioner Pikolycky made a motion Approving With Conditions Applications for Public Development (Application Numbers 2020-0004.001 & 2020-0005.001) (See Resolution # PC4-20-09). Commissioner Lohbauer seconded the motion.

Chairman Prickett noted that he was a member of Pemberton Township's Committee about five years ago. He said he did not have any affiliation with the proposed single family dwellings. He asked the Commission's Ethics Liaison Officer (ELO) if he could vote on the matter.

ELO Stacey Roth advised Chairman Prickett that he could participate in the vote since he was not involved in the matter.

Director Charles Horner advised that the homes to be demolished are both ranchers from the 1950's.

Commissioner Lohbauer pointed out that neither structure had any historical significance, which was noted in the reports.

Commissioner Jannarone asked why the homes are being demolished.

Director Horner said there are no requirements in the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) that require the applicant to address why they are proposing to demolish a structure. He said the rules only speak to the historical importance of a structure.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Chairman Prickett presented a resolution recommending approval of the following three projects: sanitary sewer main and three sanitary sewer pump stations to service two recreational facilities in Galloway Township, installation of a traffic control system in the Route 322 right-of-way in Hamilton Township and paving within the Iroquois Trail right-of-way in Upper Township.

Commissioner Avery made a motion Approving With Conditions Applications for Public Development (Application Numbers 1988-0841.004, 2017-0052.002 & 2019-0080.001) (See Resolution # PC4-20-10). Commissioner Lohbauer seconded the motion.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

Public Comment on Public Development Applications and Items where the record is open
Chairman Prickett read the list of Public Development applications up for comment.

Mark Demitroff provided comment on Application No. 2009-0089.002. He said he is directing the comment to the DAG. He said the applicant is proposing redevelopment. He said it's unclear who the applicant is and what will be proposed once the structure is demolished. (See attached comment.)

Ordinances Not Requiring Commission Action

Chairman Prickett asked if any Commissioners had questions regarding the ordinances not requiring Commission action.

- Berlin Borough Historic Preservation Element
- Berlin Borough Economic Development Element
- Berlin Borough Circulation Element
- Berlin Township Ordinance 2019-1
- Eagleswood Township 2019 Master Plan Reexamination Report
- Stafford Township Ordinance 2019-05

Commissioner Lohbauer requested a copy of Berlin Borough's Economic Development Element.

Director Susan R. Grogan said she would email that document to Commissioner Lohbauer.

Other Resolutions

Chairman Prickett presented a resolution to give authorization to the Executive Director to submit a grant.

Commissioner Avery made a motion To Authorize the Executive Director to Submit an Application to the New Jersey Historic Trust for a 2020 Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund Grant (See Resolution # PC4-20-11). Commissioner Pikolycky seconded the motion.

Tony McNichol, Cultural Resource Planner, noted that this is a matching grant and government entities are eligible to apply. He added that special consideration is being given to applicants who can make a connection to the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment.

ED Wittenberg said a scope of work for the painting project has been completed and the Commission will accept bids.

The Commission adopted the resolution by a vote of 9 to 0.

ED Wittenberg said the resolution to adopt the 2019 Annual Report will be on the April Commission meeting agenda.

General Public Comment

Mark Demitroff of Richland Village spoke about municipal issues in Buena Vista Township.

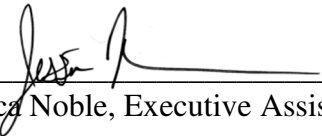
Adjournment

Commissioner Jannarone asked if the Pinelands Short Course would be rescheduled.

ED Wittenberg said it is too early to know. She said maybe the Summer Short Course could be expanded.

Commissioner Avery moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lohbauer seconded the motion. The Commission agreed to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Certified as true and correct:



Jessica Noble, Executive Assistant

Date: March 17, 2020