

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022

FLAG SALUTE:

The Franklin Township (Warren County) Land Use Board met for their virtual regular meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Chairman H. Meltzer called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and declared all aspects of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met by posting notice of this meeting on the Municipal bulletin board and provided to the municipal clerk. Advertisement of notice was posted in the Star Ledger of Newark, NJ and the Express Times of Easton, Pa. as well as the Franklin Township website.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Mr. Butler, Mr. Corde, Mr. Handel, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Santini, Mr. Sigler,
Dep. Mayor Guth, Mr. Balogh

Members Absent:

Mr. Herzer, Mr. Onembo, Mr. Kubik

Also Present: Attorney R. Schneider, Engineer M. Finelli

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting.

Eligible to Vote: Meltzer, Corde, Butler, Onembo, Herzer, Handel, Balogh,
Santini, Sigler, Guth, Kubik

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Corde,

Vote: Meltzer, Corde Butler, Handel, Balogh, Santini, Sigler, Guth – Ayes,
0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Request for extension for Pyskaty, 93 Bloomsbury Road, Block 56 Lot 34 Minor Subdivision approval granted on July 7, 2021 resolution memorialized on August 4, 2021. The applicant was represented by Attorney A. Lowcher the proposed deeds have been submitted to the Land Use Board professionals for review and approval. The time within which the applicant shall file the deeds perfecting the Minor Subdivision expires on February 11, 2022. Attorney Lowcher stated the applicant Engineers have diligently addressed the comments of the Warren County Planning Department's September 28, 2021 disapproval letter, and revised the subdivision to reflect those comments. Attorney Lowcher stated the applicant is awaiting a determination by the County Shade Tree Commission before submitting the revised plan to the County for review. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the Land Use Board

grant an extension of time for Minor subdivision approval for a period as determined by the Land Use Board, not exceeding one year, from what otherwise would be the expiration date. Attorney R. Schneider stated the request was simple and straight forward 190 days to file. Attorney Schneider stated he will do a resolution and send the revised deeds.

A motion to grant an additional 190 days to file was made by Mr. Corde, seconded by Mr. Santini, Vote: Corde, Santini, Butler, Handel, Meltzer, Sigler, Guth, Balogh – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

Review of Ordinance 2022-3 ordinance to amend Chapter 119 of the code of the Township of Franklin.

Attorney R. Schneider explained a letter must be sent to the township Committee after the board reviews the ordinance making sure the Ordinance is not inconsistent with the township masterplan.

Engineer M. Finelli briefly reviewed the new stormwater ordinance 2022-03.

Chairman H. Meltzer stated the land in the Township is mostly in the Highlands Planning areas.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Corde, Vote: Meltzer, Corde, Butler, Handel, Santini, Sigler, Guth, Balogh – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was offered.

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Jean Paul Reese explained the instructions for public comment associated with zoom.

Attorney R. Schneider stated that this was not the time to discuss any pending applications.

Ms. Claire Rohloff asked if there were any penalties associated with the submission of the stormwater ordinance.

Engineer M. Finelli stated there were no penalties we met the requirements by adopting the Stormwater Ordinance last year.

BILLS: A motion to pay vouchers submitted for payment was made by Mr. Corde, seconded by Mr. Balogh, all ayes motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:11

With no further business before the board and no further public comment offered the meeting was adjourned. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Herzer, all ayes motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Housman, Secretary