

Lawrence Township Planning/Zoning Board
Re-Organization Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Cedarville, NJ 08311

THOSE PRESENT: Al Humeny, Chairman
Steve Miletta, Vice Chairman
Tony Lamanteer, Zoning Officer
John Knoop
Erwin Sheppard
Kathy Rodman, Sec.

John Tisa
Fran Hancock
George Ripper
Delbert Peterson
Elmer Bowman
Nathan VanEmbden, Sol.

THOSE ABSENT: Veronica Sergiacomi**
John Roesly, Jr. **
Greg Yacabell**

The Lawrence Township Planning/Zoning Board held their annual Re-organization meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and was opened by Al Humeny, Chairman.

The first order of business was to welcome our new Solicitor, Nathan VanEmbden.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. 12, 2018 meeting was made by Tony Lamanteer and seconded by John Tisa. All in attendance were in favor.

Under New Business were nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Solicitor, Secretary and Site Review Committee. A motion was made again by Tony Lamanteer and seconded by John Tisa to keep all positions the same, of course, with the exception of the Solicitor, who was Bill Reilly and is now Nathan VanEmbden. All in attendance were in favor. It was also decided that we would keep our meeting nights the same as the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

At this time Mr. VanEmbden brought up pending litigation from William Henderson, who was denied a variance to move an existing house onto a "flag lot". There was a lot of discussion about this previous application. Steve Miletta wanted clarification as to whether or not the board was correct in their denying that application. Mr. VanEmbden stated that there was a subdivision done on that lot in 1995 and it was at that time an approved building lot. He stated, as did Mr. Reilly our previous solicitor, that you cannot zone a lot out of existence. There was discussion about how Mr. VanEmbden should proceed in corresponding with Mr. Henderson's attorney. Everyone was talking at once so it was hard for me to ascertain who was saying what, but I do believe that in the end, Mr. VanEmbden suggested that he first look over the original subdivision from 1995 and the application from Mr. Henderson and he will go through our Zoning Ordinance and then meet with Mr. Henderson's attorney to see if they can come up with a solution to avoid further litigation. I think that Al Humeny suggested that we should retract the denial of Mr. Henderson's application.

At this time, Mr. VanEmbden administered the oath to the Board Members that were being re-instated and they were:

Erwin Sheppard
Elmer Bowman
Tony Lamanteer
Fran Hancock
Kathy Rodman, Sec.

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Skip Bowman and seconded by Steve Miletta.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rodman
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary

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