WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

REGULAR MEETING

May 23, 2017

The West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment regular meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Chairman Fulper.

Chairman Fulper read the Open Public Meetings Statement as follows: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 9, 2017. Notice has been posted accordingly and a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office.

Chairman Fulper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

There were no appointments/oaths of office.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call on attendance: Joe Romano-present, Kevin Koveloski-present, George Fisher (alt. #2)-present, Robert Fulper-present

Absent: John Cronce, Brian Fitting, Ruth Hall, Joe Romano, Frank Sabatino (alt. #1)

Professionals Present: Stewart Palilonis, Board Attorney

Board Secretary Christine Rosikiewicz was also present.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2017 - Motion was made by Mr. Fisher (alt#2) with a second by Mr.

Romano to approve the March meeting minutes.

Roll call: Romano-aye, Koveloski-abstain, Fisher (alt #2)-aye, Fulper-aye

<u>Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2017</u> - Motion was made by Mr. Fisher (alt#2) with a second by Mr. Romano to approve the April meeting minutes with the following edits:

Page 1 under "Public Hearing" change "Verner" to "Vernor".

Page 2, 3rd paragraph, replace "Chairman Fulper" with "Mr. Fitting".

Page 2, 7th paragraph under "E-mail from Joe Romano-Generals Retreat Aftermath" delete first sentence.

Roll call: Romano-aye, Koveloski-abstain, Fisher (alt #2)-aye, Fulper-aye

RESOLUTION(S) OF APPROVAL:

Barnyard Ventures Block 14 Lot 28 - 530 Route 31- Ringoes

Attorney Palonis commented that he was comfortable with this resolution.

Alex Greenwood approached the dais. Mr. Greenwood expressed that he met with Planner Kyle at the site and discussed fences and plantings. Additional plantings could be added rather than a berm which would

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allow for more farmland to remain. Chairman Fulper recalled that the Board left the screening up to the Planner's discretion as long as the requirement for buffering is met. Further discussion entailed. Mr. Greenwood said the revised site plan will indicate the trees to be planted which were suggested by Planner Kyle.

Mr. Fisher (alt #2) made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Koveloski seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Romano-abstain, Mr. Koveleski-aye, Mr. Fisher (alt. #2)-aye, Chairman Fulperaye.

APPLICATION(S):

There were no applications.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5/19/17 E-mail from Cathy Urbanski re: Sustainable Jersey

Comments were exchanged regarding this e-mail.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 3/25/17:

Chairman Fulper presented the bill list with a total of \$2109.36

Motion was made by Mr. Fisher (alt. #2) with a second by Mr. Koveloski for the approval of the Bill List contingent upon certification of funds. Motion carried on voice vote - all ayes.

DISCUSSION:

Audio Recordings of ZBA Meetings:

The Board discussed whether or not to continue recording meetings (except for hearings which are required by law to be recorded). It was decided that the meetings would be recorded in their entirety but minutes would be pared down.

Continued Discussions-Off Track Cost Shares

This item will be tabled until the Board receives input from its professionals.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

The floor was opened to the public.

Hearing no additional comments/questions, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher (Alt. #2) to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Koveloski. All members voted in favor of adjournment at 8:06 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz

Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary