

Township of Moorestown Appearance Committee

Minutes for the Meeting of January 18, 2023

PRESENT: Steve Cepurny, Gina Zegel, Wayne Urffer, Scott Hearn, Patricia Canton, Karen Chigounis, Kimberly Bunn, Michelle Rohan, Susan Reel-Panish, Julie Maravitch, D'Arcy DiSpirito

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE: Patty Muscella

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Sue Mammarella

CALL TO ORDER: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked Patty to take roll call.

COMMITTEE SELECTION & NOMINATIONS: Steve introduced and welcomed Kimberly Bunn, Michelle Rohan, Susan Reel-Panish and Julie Maravitch as new committee members. Nominations were made for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Pat nominated Steve to remain as Chair. D'Arcy seconded the nomination for Steve. All approved. Pat nominated Scott as Vice Chair. Gina seconded the nomination for Scott. All approved. Pat nominated D'Arcy to remain as Secretary. Gina seconded the nomination for D'Arcy. All approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING SCHEDULE AND TIMES FOR 2023: Patty presented the dates for the 2023 meetings. D'Arcy made a motion to approve the schedule. Gina seconded the motion. All approved.

MEETING MINUTES: Steve asked the committee to review the minutes for the meeting of November 16, 2022. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Scott seconded the motion. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS: *Minor Subdivision application - PB#2022-30 - Levins Group LLC, 334 Chester Ave. Block 4307 Lot 8*

Patty told the committee that the applicant has applied for a 2 lot subdivision and that they will appear before the Planning Board on February 2, 2023. Julie mentioned unattached gutters on the structure and questioned if the applicant could be asked to make repairs to prevent further deterioration.

TOWNSHIP LIAISON / STAFF UPDATES / COMMENTS:

Sue said that someone has expressed interest in painting a mural on the side of the township building that houses the Rec Center. She said more information will be coming later. The township wants to focus on the adjacent town green, its uses, the possibility of adding a sound system or stage and some additional landscaping. Potentially this mural would be incorporated into the plan. Gina asked if this committee would have a chance to review the mural.

Sue told the committee that the Township website has been updated and is easier to navigate. Residents can sign up for text notifications and she encouraged everyone to check it out.

Sue said that Harmony Juice on Main Street had a fire and it remains closed while a fire investigation is ongoing.

Historic Preservation - Sue said that the town Council will be discussing the issue at its meeting on January 23, 2023. In particular, they will discuss applying for a grant from the state which could be used to hire a professional to write design standards. The grant application deadline is April 19th, 2023. Karen asked for an update about the historic preservation subcommittee and Sue said that the township feels professionals are needed to prepare and present an ordinance. The historic subcommittee has been disbanded. D'Arcy expressed concern that the committee worked for 2 years to craft a draft of an ordinance and it seems it will not be considered. The subcommittee members also noted that they felt educating the public about historic preservation and having resources available were paramount to the success of an ordinance.

Steve asked for an update on the Lenola section improvements. Patty said that the development of the property at the corner of Camden Ave. & Cottage Ave. has been approved and the township is waiting for the bond. The Dollar General store is now open. Sue said the county is to begin work on the bridge on January 26, 2023 and work on the new streetscape is scheduled to begin in March 2023.

D'Arcy asked for an update regarding the DR Horton application for Centerton Road, Patty said The Planning Board directed the application to The Zoning Board as a use variance is needed. DR Horton has initiated a lawsuit against the township. Patty also told the committee that plans have been submitted by Moorestown Family Apartments for the property on Borton Landing Road across from The Upper Elementary School.

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle made the motion and Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

February 15, 2023 at 7:00 Pm in The Library Building

Respectfully submitted by D'Arcy DiSpirito