

JOINT LAND USE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2013

Chairman Schwager called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairman Schwager led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was as follows:

John Casella – Absent, Frank Costantini – Present, John Descano –Present, Blair Hannigan – Absent, John Juliano – Present, Paul Lott – Absent, Mayor Maccarone – Present, Chief Marino – Absent, Joe Maugeri – Present, Alan Schwager – Present, Bob Rushton – Present.

Also present: Mike Aimino – Solicitor and Tim Kernan – Planner.

First on the Agenda are the Minutes from the regular meeting of September 5, 2013. J. Maugeri made a motion to approve which was seconded by J. Juliano. All were in favor. Mayor Maccarone and J. Descano abstained from the second half of the 9/5/13 minutes.

Moving on to New Business which is Swedesboro/Woolwich Schools, Charles Harker School, this is a temporary classroom project.

Mr. Victor Valeski, Superintendent of Swedesboro/Woolwich Schools and Mr. Scott Downie, Architect for the project, were both sworn in by Mike Aimino.

Mr. Scott Downie gave a brief overview of the project stating that it is a temporary classroom being relocated from Kingsway to just outside the Harker School. He showed where the utilities are located and where the entrances are. Mr. Valeski stated that is was also in this location for security reasons.

F. Costantini asked why there was just one. Mr. Valeski stated that it was free from Kingsway because it is no longer needed there. They will be using is for the art program and since the children rotate through the art program they will only be using it for one period at a time and would not spend an entire day in the trailer.

They will be keeping the trailer until they can solidify plans to expand the building. Mr. Downie stated possibly 5 years.

J. Maugeri asked what the time line was for an expansion. Mr. Valeski stated that they applied for a State Grant, so if they receive approval for a State share they would possibly go for referendum in January at the earliest. They are looking at just a potential classroom addition on the Harker school. He stated that this building will continue to be out of capacity so they have to come up with options to accommodate the children.

J. Descano asked Mr. Valeski if he is referring to the plan that they presented last year for the new building. Mr. Valeski stated "no" they are looking at a very refined plan, maybe a 12 to 15 classroom addition to the existing structure.

J. Descano asked why they are placing the trailer broad side to Oldman's Creek Road, why not turn it around 90 degrees or even move it. Mr. Downie stated that the orientation this way is parallel to the sidewalk.

Chairman Schwager stated that he agrees with J. Descano, can't they turn the steps. It almost is like the school board wants to show the world that they are in trailers.

Mr. Valeski stated that they are agreeable to anything the Planning Board would recommend. He thinks he can sell the referendum to the community without having a trailer in front of the building. His only fear is that they may have to have another trailer at some point before construction is complete; it depends on how the growth occurs.

J. Maugeri stated if there is going to be more than one trailer can't it be put in a better location.

T. Kernan continued with his letter dated 9/17/13. He treated this as an accessory building and it does meet all the requirements in the Code. His only general comment dealt with the location of the temporary classroom which has already been discussed.

Landscaping around the basin was discussed.

Mayor Maccarone suggested that they contact Matt Blake at the Township. There is a shade tree fund and that may assist them with planting of the trees.

Chairman Schwager stated that there are two recommendations from the Board, turn the trailer 90 degrees and add landscaping.

With nothing further to discuss, J. Maugeri made a motion to acknowledge that the school board has come before the Board and fulfilled their legal obligation and with the hope that they will take in to consideration the conditions that were asked for here tonight, including turning of the trailer 90 degrees and to add landscaping. J. Juliano seconded the motion. Roll was as follows:

J. Juliano – yes, J. Descano – yes, Mayor Maccarone – yes, J. Maugeri – yes, F. Costantini – yes, B. Rushton – yes, Chairman Schwager – yes.

With nothing further to discuss J. Maugeri made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Juliano. All were in favor.

The JLUB meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Marquis
Joint Land Use Secretary

***Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file***