

MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Meeting Center  
40 Livingston Avenue; New Brunswick, NJ

May 13, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.

Those Present:

Ms. Olga Sgambettera, Chairman  
Mr. Gerald Tamburro, Vice Chairman  
Freholder Director Ronald G. Rios  
Freholder Charles E. Tomaro  
Mr. Richard Wallner, County Engineer  
Mr. Vincent R. Martino  
Mr. Thomas Pollando  
Mr. Matthew M. Vaughn  
Barry Goldstein, Esq., Acting Counsel  
Mrs. Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Not Present:

Mr. William Thomas  
Mr. Erik Wong, Alternate

Also Present

Mr. George M. Ververides, Director, Office of Planning  
Ms. Mirah Becker, Supervisor, Comprehensive Planning and The Environment  
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation  
Mr. Stanley Olszewski, Supervisor, Development Review

Chairman Sgambettera called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary called the roll and declared that there was a quorum.

I. Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Gerald Tamburro

Minutes – April 8, 2014: Mr. Tamburro moved, seconded by Mr. Wallner to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Mr. Ververides stated that the April, 2014 expenses are within budget parameters. Mr.

Tamburro moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Mr. Martino. Motion carried.

Committee Report: None.      Communications: None

II. Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Work Program Progress Report for April was contained in the folder. In connection with the Wastewater Management Plan work, the Division prepared a revised timeline to ensure that the development community, the public and municipalities have the opportunity to evaluate the 2000 sewer service area map against all proposed site plans and subdivisions to determine if they are wholly consistent and within the boundaries of the 2000 sewer service area map. The new sewer service area map was updated to be consistent with the latest environmental data. Mr. Tamburro moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

III. Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner

Committee Report: Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the Committee Report for April was contained in the folder. At a recent Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting, a Rutgers University Bloustein School Transit Planning Studio class presented a study that could improve transit services in the northwest parts of Middlesex County. Proposed transit improvements include new and/or improved bus routes and connections to the Northeast Corridor and for the Raritan Valley Line rail stations. These proposals involve new bus routes, including a Piscataway/Metuchen line serving Centennial Avenue; a Hillsborough to New Brunswick line serving the Raritan Valley and Northeast Corridor stations; a Plainfield to New Brunswick line serving parts of Seventh Avenue, Route 18 and Centennial Avenue; a Plainfield to Middlesex County College line; and an Edison to North Brunswick line. Their study will also be presented to New Jersey Transit representatives for possible acceptance and implementation. Mr. Tamburro moved the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

IV. Development Review: Ms. Olga Sgambettera

Committee Report: Mr. Olszewski stated that the Committee Report for April was contained in the folder. The Committee acted on 40 land development requests. When comparing total monetary values received through subdivision and site plan applications, April, 2013 received \$762,592, and the total for April, 2014 amounted to \$897,741. He noted that an increase in applications and in physical improvements over last year is a good sign. Mr. Tamburro moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

V. Comprehensive Planning: Mr. William Thomas

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Work Program Progress Report for April was contained in the folder. Ms. Becker reported on the Middlesex Greenway Access Plan, which was selected by the Together North Jersey Consortium Executive Committee to study the current state of the Middlesex Greenway, a converted "rails to trails" pedestrian pathway currently linking the townships of Metuchen, Edison and Woodbridge. A major goal of this project is to improve public health by increasing the public's usage and access to the Middlesex Greenway by enhancing opportunities for recreation, activity centers, and public transit connectivity. Mr. Tamburro moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried .

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on motions by Messrs. Tamburro and Wallner.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

May 31, 2014