

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Keith Dewey (arrived 7:33 p.m.)
Philip B. Duran
James S. Kownacki, Council (Class III)
Richard S. Krawczun (Class II)
David C. Maffei
Stacy McCormack
Michael S. Powers, Mayor (Class I)
Kim Y. Taylor, ALT. #1
Michael Horan, ALT. #2
Paul A. Penna, Vice Chair

Absent: Nathaniel Moorman, Chair (Absent/excused)

Also Present: James F. Parvesse, P.E., Municipal Engineer
Philip B. Caton, Planning Consultant, Clarke•Caton•Hintz
David M. Roskos, Attorney, Sterns & Weinroth
Sara A. Summiel, Recording Secretary

1. **Statement of Adequate Notice**

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Planning Board has been provided by filing the annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk as required by law; by filing the agenda and notice with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger newspapers on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

2. **Public Participation** : (None)

3. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Monday, January 11, 2010 – Reorganization & Regular

**Mr. Duran moved and Mr. Krawczun seconded to approve the minutes. This carried on the following voice call vote: AYES (9)
NAYES (0) ABSENT (1) INELIGIBLE TO VOTE (1)**

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4. RESOLUTION:

Resolution of Memorialization No. 11-10 approving Preliminary & Final Site Plan with Variances and Waivers Application No. SP-6/09, RIDER UNIVERSITY SITE PLAN (ACADEMIC BUILDING & BLC THEATER ADDITION), 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Tax Map Pages 28.03, Block 2801, Lot 24.

Mr. Roskos reviewed the comments from the applicant's Attorney. The comments were incorporated into the Resolution. The Board accepted.

Mayor Powers moved and Mr. Krawczun seconded to approve Resolution No. 11-10, as Amended.

Vote:

AYES: Dewey, Duran, Krawczun, Powers, Penna

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Moorman

INELIGIBLE TO VOTE: Kownacki, Maffei, McCormack, Taylor, Horan

5. SUSTAINABLE ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN – (Public presentation and participation)

The hearing was recorded.

Vice Chair Penna gave a brief opening statement prior to the presentation. He stated that members of the Planning Board, along with Councilwoman Mount, and the Sustainable Lawrence Group have been working on the sustainable element for the Master Plan for the past two months. He added that the group has been working closely with ANJEC, in the development of goals and objectives for discussion on the Sustainability Element. He explained that the presentation will consist of two public meetings.

Beth McManus, a Professional Planner with Clarke-Caton-Hintz gave a brief background of the proposed project funded by ANJEC with grant monies of \$7,000 and \$10,000 by the Township of Lawrence. She stated that the project is guided by a Project Team consisting of Planning Board Members and those interested in the planning of sustainability issues. She proceeded to explain how the Team has been meeting monthly to discuss strategies, goals and objectives for the various sustainability topics.

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SUSTAINABLE ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN – (Public presentation and participation) - Continued

Also, present was Ralph Copleman, member of the Sustainability Subcommittee. Mr. Copleman gave a brief overview of a handout entitled, “Natural Step” Principles for a Sustainable Community. He proceeded to give a scientific definition of sustainability that was created in Sweden by a group of scientists. He expressed that the outcome of the Sustainability Element will be a strong increment in the Master Plan. (See Attachment No. 1)

Councilwoman Pamela Mount addressed the Master Plan of 1995, Land Use Ordinance and the functioning of the neighborhood. She stated that there will be a lot of things that can be done by the Township in being more energy efficient, as well as, the limitations. She proceeded to note some of the things already included within the Master Plan such as open space, biking, greenway and green development.

Ms. McManus gave a Power Point presentation and reviewed the definition of sustainability created by the World Commission on Environment and Development. She proceeded to give an overview of the Sustainability Element of the Master Plan and each topic. (See Attachment No. 2 – Power Point Slide Presentation) The following topics are outlined in Attachment No. 2.

Topics:

- Background
- What is sustainability?
- What is a Master Plan?
- Master Plan Limitations
- Sustainability Master Plan Scope
- Work Schedule
- Sustainability Element Priority Topics
- Energy Production & Conservation
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- Land Use
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Water Resources
- Transportation
- Green Building Design

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A brief discussion took place by the Board with regard to recycling and Mr. Horan questioned whether there was any type of tax credit for recycling. Mr. Krawczun responded no and proceeded to explain the true benefits of recycling.

In closing, Ms. McManus discussed the next steps to be taken by the Sustainable Subcommittee with regard to refining the goals, objectives and strategies for the draft Sustainability Element. She stated that prior to the adoption of the draft; the public would be invited at a Public Hearing in April and May. The Board was requested to provide the Sustainable Element Subcommittee with their input prior to the next meeting on April 19 and May 3. All comments will be submitted to Mr. Parvasse.

Public Comment:

Peter Kremer, Lawrence resident, addressed the Land Use Ordinance with regard to transportation, build out analyses and the need for street connectivity within the Township.

Ralph Copleman, Lawrence resident, stated that he is in communication with other countries with regard to their successes and expressed that there are not many nearby towns doing this type of activity or sustainable efforts like Lawrence.

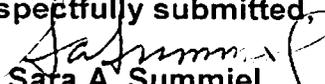
Mayor Powers commended the leaders within the community with regard to their efforts and involvement with sustainable issues. Also, he felt that the Sustainable Element document is something that could be brought to the Municipal Land Use Law.

6. Old Business/New Business/Correspondence: None

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara A. Summiel
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED: April 19, 2010