

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MAY 12, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Boyle at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Mr. Boyle read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chairman Boyle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Turner, Post, Opdyke, Truman  
Jewell, Corica, Boyle  
Absent: VanDeursen, Perez  
Also Present: Stuart Ours, Attorney  
William Gleba, Board Engineer

Marianne VanDeursen will be late.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of April 14, 2008: Andrew Turner noted that on page one, last line, the Borough Engineer's last name (Holt) should be included. Therefore, it was moved by Post seconded by Truman to approve the minutes with correction.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Post, Opdyke, Truman  
Jewell, Corica, Boyle  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION/APPLICATIONS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

COAH Map:

John Corica explained the color codes on the map. The light blue/teal color represents areas that COAH believes would be developable. Includes some areas that are backyards and right of ways. The Board Planner should be the one to comment back to COAH on the identified areas. Andrew Turner stated that is could be costly. Attorney Ours stated that the parcels would have to be identified by block and lot. John stated that it would be in the Borough's interest to identify the undevelopable areas. Could affect the third round numbers. Bill Gleba stated that he could identify the block and lot but Chuck Latini would have to draft the letter to COAH.

Andrew Turner suggested that the tax assessor work on identifying by block and lot and should start with vacant properties. Bill Gleba suggested calling Dave Dech at the Warren County Planning Dept to see if he may have additional information on hand. Chairman Boyle stated that a phone call to the County Planning Dept to find out what other municipalities are doing and to get some direction from them. Chair will make the phone call.

Project Proposal – Shabbecong Creek:

Gary Pohorely came forward – 115 Wayne Street, Washington – He is a member of the Pohatcong Creek Watershed Association. Wants to improve the creek. Currently have a stream cleanup and wants to do more than that. Can find a lot about a stream by the creatures that live in it. Currently the stream has poor water quality. Stream is identified in the Borough Open Space Plan. Wants to improve the stream quality and work with other agencies.

Marianne VanDeursen arrived at 8:25 p.m.

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Tree planting and stabilizing banks are needed. Has properties and funding ideas in mind. Looking for Board support and will keep the Board updated. Bob Opdyke stated that he has a business near the creek and anything that can be done would be a great help.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Draft ordinance:

Permitted Businesses Downtown – Draft Ordinance: no comments. Motion to approve by Turner, seconded by Post. Attorney Ours noted that a change is needed to the heading to read “to amend the uses in the B-2 Central Business District”. Motion to amend by Turner, seconded by Post.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Post, Opdyke, Truman  
VanDeursen, Jewell, Corica, Boyle  
Ayes: 8; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

Attorney Ours to provide corrected copy the Borough Manager.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:** None

No public present.

**UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:**

Don Eller came forward. He has some issues with PNC bank renovations. Testimony stated no dumpster but there is currently one on site. In regard to the parking lot, has seen vehicles using the wrong ingress and egress even though there are signs. Also has an issue with the lighting. Marianne VanDeursen stated that the lighting and sign issues are being addressed. Attorney Ours will look into the final resolution to check on other issues.

Drainage at Verizon Building: John Corica discussed the drainage issues. When the drywells are full the water flows offsite causing problems. Bill Gleba suggested that the Borough Engineer look into. Would be an enforcement issues. Therefore, it was moved by VanDeursen, seconded by Turner to send the issue to the Borough Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Post, Opdyke, Truman  
VanDeursen, Jewell, Corica, Boyle  
Ayes: 8; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

John Corica stated that the Borough is reviewing all fees.

Tina Truman asked if there were any comments on the application/checklist drafts handed out after the last meeting. Received comments from Marianne, Pat T. and John. No comments from Board. Final copy to be emailed to clerk and then sent on to be put on the website.

Chairman Boyle stated that the planner will be coming to the Board in the near future regarding redevelopment.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

No comments

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board