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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING/Delanco Board of Health Meeting
- May 2, 2011

ROLL CALL: Hinkle, Jass, Lord, Templeton, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Denton, Township Engineer, Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor, Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Sacalis, Police Chief; Mr. Fenimore, Dept. of Public Works; Michelle Taylor, Township Planner for the Joint Land Use Board

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY RECREATION COMMISSION TO
DELANCO'S MR. & MRS. SANTA***

NAMING OF THE DELANCO SPORTS COMPLEX

Fitzpatrick: Recreation Commission contest – three names submitted “Field of Dreams” “Dick Mueller Field of Dreams” and “Veterans Memorial” -three members agree that the park would be Field of Dreams Delanco's Sports Complex and the building would be named for Dick Mueller.

Lord: Seems appropriate

Fitzpatrick: He was instrumental.

Templeton: Talking with people in town, he laid the groundwork for much of recreation in town, so I was leaning towards naming the whole complex for him. I looked to be sure “Field of Dreams” wasn't copyrighted; it's amazing how many municipal complexes are named that.

Resident: Dick was instrumental in the town. I think he deserves to have the whole thing named for him and the building the opposite.

Jass: Difficult decision. Looking at all the submissions. I've known the project for “field of dreams.” I looked at the letter that Vera wrote. It's wonderful. Dick did a beautiful job. It was my recommendation that the pavilion ... we shouldn't leave him out. He did a list of things. I personally thought there should be two names – one for the field and one for the pavilion. Children are our youth. We want them to go after their dreams. Sports is a big thing for children. They see them on TV and on the internet.

Fitzpatrick: I was chair when Dick Mueller was mayor. He was very active in rec and helpful to help me achieve a budget in which we could promote the sports program. I was chair for 10 years. I moved to Riverton for a short while. That was hard to give up. When I came back in the 90's, he was still the mayor. I thought it was better to have him named for the whole pavilion. Initially, it's going to be a shelter and then a rec center. Usually towns name a building for a person and not a field. That's why I didn't agree with that. It's been the “field of dreams” since I got on Township Committee. Deed was tendered in 2008. It's always been recognized as

that.

Hinkle: There's nobody who could be more honored than Dick Mueller for recreation. I think the pavilion is more appropriate than a little sign for the park. Motion Delanco Field of Dreams for the field and Dick Mueller Pavillion.

Passed with Templeton abstaining: I'd like to recognize Mr. Mueller for the entire complex, so I'm going to abstain.

Fitzpatrick: We need to pick a date to set a groundbreaking. Two contest winners should be there. It would be appropriate to choose a Saturday morning.

Letizio: Can we look at what Cecily Tynan has to say?

Hinkle: Who are the people who won?

Letizio: I would have to look.

Fenimore: When I first came here, I thought we were going to disband Public Works, and have a full time Rec Department. We did so much- volleyball nets, playground equipment... The man lived Delanco. He would be honored. I talked to him every night, and all he talked about was Delanco.

Fitzpatrick: Sat, June 11 at 11:00.

***2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET HEARING HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no comments-HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
RESOLUTION 2011-56 to amend 2011 BUDGET (due to legal fees)
and Set the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment Resolution for May 16, 2011
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-11 ACCEPTING PORTION OF CREEK ROAD FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-12 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 21-1
GOVERNING "FIRE COMPANIES, VOLUNTEER"
*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-13 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 110
GOVERNING ZONING IN VARIOUS NAMED SECTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF STANDARDS IN THE DEFINITIONS, AMENDMENTS TO THE USE, BULK AND
BUILDING STANDARDS IN THE C-1 ZONE DISTRICT AND C-2 ZONE DISTRICT, AND
CREATION OF THE LIVE/ WORK L/W ZONE DISTRICT
Taylor: Master Plan determined that areas on Burlington corridor, bulk standards weren't correct. There's an area where a series of duplexes aren't well-maintained. This allows them to be altered and changed without getting a variance.
Resident: (missed)

Taylor: Several areas don't allow two family homes. People don't invest the money because it is costly to get a variance in case they want to put an addition on.

Templeton: The Live Work zone only applies to one side of Burlington Ave. Why is that?

Taylor: Access. The lots aren't deep. We're trying to allow a small business – perhaps an accountant, live there and work there. We're trying to encourage owner occupied. They have been commercial for years.

Templeton: All the businesses listed would create parking and traffic.

Taylor: I hope the people will live there and fix them up. We're trying to encourage repair of those dwellings. The area and bulk requirements have changed.

Templeton: Is this effective in enhancing the values of the properties?

Taylor: We believe it will.

Templeton: Is that what has happened?

Taylor: It should. If I want to expand my kitchen, I will need a variance. This allows me to skip that step. It's just a matter of letting people know.

Templeton: We'll see how it works.

***2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ZONING" SECTION 110-9 PERTAINING TO NONCONFORMING USES OR STRUCTURES

Taylor: Simple change regarding abandonment. Language added so those cases could be evaluated by the board in accord with case law and zoning.

Templeton: There's a good legal reason for doing this, but it's scary that if it's abandoned, the use expires.

Taylor: Abandonment is difficult for a board to evaluate. If there are fittings that were used, if someone was in the hospital... this gives a framework to evaluate and gives an applicant a framework too.

Heinold: If it's residential, there is no abandonment.

***2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-15 TO AMEND THE CODE OF DELANCO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ZONING" TO CREATE A NEW CONDITIONAL USE SECTION AT §110-10.Z TO PERMIT LIMITED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE R-6 ZONE ON BLOCK 1405, LOTS 1 AND 6; AND BLOCK 1411, LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 2, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE CANVAS SHOP AREA

***2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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Templeton: On block 1405, lot 1, that's a private residence.

Taylor: I'd have to see a tax map.

Templeton: (got out the map)

Taylor: At one time in the R-6 zone, commercial uses were permitted. The idea was to consolidate the canvas shop in that, the whole block was taken into account. I think it was a half block and a half block across the street.

Templeton: How does it impact the homeowner?

Taylor: It probably gives it more value.

Templeton: I'm looking at it going forward. If someone says there are quasi-industrial uses.

Taylor: It's there and a nod to create conformity – embrace what's on the ground rather than fight it.

Passed with Templeton voting no

ORDINANCE 2011-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ZONING" TO MODIFY STANDARDS PERTAINING TO MARINAS

*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Taylor: Board identified properties with water rights that could be used as marinas. Evaluated regulations and included a marina that wasn't in the marina district. Included marina on Rancoas Avenue. Made regs in line with state regs.

Templeton: We have a marina in the R-4?

Taylor: Yes, it came out when he came in for a variance. We're trying to encourage water usage.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-17 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF DELANCO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ZONING" IN MULTIPLE SECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Taylor: Laundry list of definitions that needed to be corrected.

*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 91 GOVERNING SITE PLAN IN SECTION 91-8 ENTITLED LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND LIGHTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 100 GOVERNING SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 100-41 ENTITLED LIGHTING AND UNDERGROUND WIRING OF THE ORDINANCES ENTITLED PART II LAND USE

PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING AND SITE LIGHTING. *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Taylor: Some slight changes to existing ordinance for energy conservation and dark skies and bird watchers. If an applicant comes in and is required to have lighting, we're requiring that the lighting for a business not light the whole block.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Templeton: Dark skies isn't in the list of definitions

Taylor: An idea that is talked about in the Master Plan.

Templeton: Some lighting fixtures are designated "dark skies." Is that what you are specifying.

Taylor: We would say shielded lighting.

Templeton: Third page – pass through restaurant lighting is much more than the rest. Can we limit that?

Taylor: Pump island and fast food restaurants - in those locations, you would have a higher lighting so they can read.

Templeton: The way commercial properties are in town, they are nested beside the residences, it seems there is an opportunity to control that here.

Jass: That's like a fast food restaurant.

Taylor: They wouldn't be able to have that lighting go over the property line.

Templeton: page 5 – laser source light

Taylor: Temporary outdoor lighting – grand opening type lighting.

Templeton: I'd like to see that prohibited. As a commercial pilot, lasers pointed at me really bother me. We're on the flight path for Northeast Philadelphia and Philadelphia International Airport and we have emergency aircraft flying over us all the time. That's really dangerous.

Heinold: There would be that change and a public hearing on the 16th.

Lohr: Deleting I 17-2

Jass: Wouldn't it be better to say "no laser?" I remember going through this because it wasn't in there. I personally would prefer no.

Taylor: "Laser source lights would be prohibited."

Lohr: Would it have to go back to Joint Land Use for consistency?

Taylor: We didn't talk about it specifically. The chances of someone asking for this permit are slim.

Templeton: Thanks for your consideration of this.

Fitzpatrick: 2nd reading May 16th.

Motion to approve the amendment – Passed unanimously

Lohr: We will publish the amendment.

Heinold: Hearing will be only on the amendment.

Templeton: pg. 8 – does this lock the township into meeting a lighting level?

Taylor: When a subdivision goes it, it provides guidance. It doesn't control what the Township Committee does with lighting.

ORDINANCE 2011-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 110 GOVERNING ZONING IN SECTION 21 OF THE ORDINANCES
ENTITLED PART II LAND USE PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING AND
SITE LIGHTING

*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Taylor: Evaluates lighting for residential standards for board and zoning officer.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DELANCO ZONING MAP
FOR THE DISTRICT ZONE CHANGE FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND
CREATING THE LIVE/WORK L/W ZONE

*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick: This implements what you already created.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2011-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DELANCO ZONING MAP FOR THE DISTRICT ZONE
CHANGE FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO THE C-2 ZONING DISTRICT AND
FROM THE R-6 DISTRICT TO THE C-2 DISTRICT

*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Templeton: Block 1401 – Gateway Park is included commercial overlay and is the
school?

Taylor: Right.

Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Denton:

-Edward Ave – plans will be completed and reviewed by state – then out to bid.

Wanted to combine with Pennsylvania Ave. State doesn't like that, so we will do
that separately. Should have enough to make a new surface and crosswalks where
the handicapped ramps are.

Jass: Telephone poles are really close.

Denton: We will widen the pavement to 4 feet and save trees wherever we can. The
fencing will prevent people from parking and walking across the grass.

Denton: Field construction has begun – seed and sod –two seasons of growth. Working with county for improvements along Creek Road. We don't agree with where they want to align the curb. It won't be a critical item. I don't think we will need additional improvements when we build the pavilion.

Templeton: Is there a connector trail that connects with county greenway trail?

Denton: Footpaths will be done at later stages.

Templeton: Is there a way to think about that?

Denton: It's part of the later phases.

Templeton: It would be good to get kids off the road and on the greenway to get to the fields if they are on a bike.

Denton: Green Acres will require handicapped access.

Jass: Wasn't there a connection between the fields and the toilet facilities in the county park?

Templeton: I was trying to get an access so kids wouldn't be riding up Creek Road with no sidewalk.

Heinold:

-Newton's Landing HOA is requesting a bench at the end of Newton's Landing Blvd. With "hold harmless" agreement.

Passed unanimously

- TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Schwab: Nothing

1. Police

-Prescription drug disposal success

-FBI coming out May 19th at 1:00 Scam awareness – fraud - Id theft– flyers

-Red Lobster fundraiser event Thursday

2. Public Works

-Leaf season is over

-37 boxes of brush since February

-cleaned up ball fields – got community service guys

-sent off 2010 recycling grant

-working on Stormwater and Clean Communities

-truck emissions will be taken care of in town – have to ID each truck

-2012 – street inventory for feds – reflectivity on street signs. As long as you have a program by 2012, you'll be fine.

-met with Denton retarding Edwards. Went down to dirt road. I suggested rock dust.

Fitzpatrick: What does it cost?

Fenimore: \$28 a ton.

-We'd like to have another clean up day June 4. Goodwill will bring a trailer. I'm

going to try electronics. They will take concrete and tires. I might do paint.
-Banner guy said the yard sale banner is on its last legs.

Municipal Clerk Lohr:-Saturday is Townwide Yard Sale , Library is having Book and Bake Sale, EMS is doing Hoagie Sale, Boy Scouts are selling mulch.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-Background checks – Library?

Sacalis: We're applying.

Lohr: Some issues with ordinance. Will be discussed maybe the first meeting in June in executive.

Lord: Library got info that library is getting full funding from the county.

Fitzpatrick: We gave them extra money this year.

Lord: School board – budget went down.

-Zoning Board– Zurbrugg amendment

-Kitty worked on fees

Hinkle:

- everyone should to read minutes from Sewerage Authority meeting

-Shade Tree – did two plantings. Bill Matulewicz worked with the Scout troop.

-Attended Emergency Management meeting – wants all deficiencies fixed by June, classes for Township Committee May 17and May 19, regional meeting will be held

Jass:

-DYSA opening was rained out. Rescheduled event for June 18th.

-Historic Preservation – plaques on Delaware Ave.

-Bumped into Ann Silverberg who said the presentation was wonderful

Templeton:

-Spending a lot of time on Joint Insurance Fund. Mrs. Bray has taken over from Karen who kept very good records. JIF has changed a lot of procedures. Mrs. Bray and I have attended some courses. She has prepared a duplicate binder for when she isn't in or the police side is unavailable. I appreciate her work.

- Regarding dog waste receptacles. Delaware is like the Westminster Kennel Club. You could use more at Zurbrugg.

Fenimore: We could use one at West Ave. I will try to buy a few more.

Jass: Thanks to George and John for locking the gates at the basketball courts. It's make a difference in the courts.

Fenimore: Kids know there is a camera there now. At times it is cleaner.

Templeton: To add to library report, there are almost 800 recycle buckets that aren't registered.

Fitzpatrick: We're doing a special mailing to those residents.

Fitzpatrick:

-Delanco PTO is registered with Meridian Energy – if any resident signs up, PTO gets bonus. They get \$250 for the first 25 and \$2 for each sign up after that.

-May 18th at 7 – Freeholders – Memorial

-Attended VFW awards banquet – award for firefighter – nominated Scot Hamlin. Won the county. Heartwarming to see the young people who want to be firefighters.

-call from EMS squad – other municipalities were meeting with Senator Allen regarding proposal that all squads in NJ would need to be paid. I called Senator Allen and asked her not to support that. It would be a burden to our residents.

Hinkle: I called Diane too. The bill has a lot of good points to it. Delanco is the only town in this district with volunteers. The bill would be intact as is, but they would change it so Delanco could stay volunteer.

Fitzpatrick: Submitted resident’s project to EPA – she won district 2 in the United States.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT 4/18/2011	AMOUNT 5/2/2011
General	359,605.29	1,064,020.77
Payroll	59,612.28	74,604.20
Trust	3,627.50	
Recreation Devel	1,900.00	300.00
Municipal OpenSpace		14,567.00

----- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/7/2011

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

2011-01, 2011-02, 2011-03, 2011-04, 2011-05, 2011-06, 2011-08, 2011-09, 2011-10, 2011-11, 2011-12, 2011-13, 2011-14, 2011-15 & 2011-16

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2011-40 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH DENDRITE ENERGY, LLC FOR OPERATING LEASE AND SITE LICENSE OF GENERATOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SPACE (TABLED FROM APRIL 4, 2011 MEETING)- tabled until May 16.

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident (me): The young people who aren't on the basketball courts were at the river on Friday and Saturday nights. They were loud and there until 10:30. The language were terrible tooFitzpatrick: Did you call the police?

Resident: I know how busy they are and it feels like a trivial call to me. I'm wondering if you would consider closing those parks at the street ends at 9:00 like the other parks in town.

Fitzpatrick: They should be.

Sacalis: I would rather you call.

Resident: I will.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Denton: Ryan Homes completed their punchlist

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett