

Chairman DiSalvo called the regular meeting of October 13, 2008 of the Washington Township Planning Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

CLASS IV: Mark Bauerlein, Charles DiSalvo, William Leavens,
 ALTERNATES: Sam Akin
 CLASS I:
 CLASS II:
 CLASS III: Howard Popper
 OTHERS ABSENT: Eric Trevena, Kathleen McGroarty, Louis Mont Tracy Tobin
 William Beute Patrick Monahan
 STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Kesper, Attorney Cofoni

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer-Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 18, 2008 and posted on the Bulletin Board on the same date. Two notices were mailed, as there were two requests.

****NO NEW CASES OR WITNESSES SHALL BE HEARD SUBSEQUENT TO 10:30 PM****

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

1. Minutes from the September 24, 2008 Regular Meeting

Mr. Popper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bauerlein to approve the minutes. A voice was taken; all were in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

The meeting was opened to the public for items not on the agenda. There were no questions or comments from the public and the meeting was closed to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING/APPLICATIONS -

OCTOBER 13, 2008

1. Regency at Long Valley – Block 28, Lots 46 & 47 – 55 Fairview Avenue - Request for Soil Disturbance Permit for import of soil from Estates at Long Valley

Mr. DiSalvo announced that the meeting was adjourned at the applicant's request to October 22, 2008

2. Carlson – Block 20.10, Lot 43 – 158 Flocktown Road – Request for Waiver of Site Plan for a temporary covered indoor riding ring

Michael Carlson, Applicant
Elizabeth Carlson, Applicant
Sarah Goodstone, Hippo Therapist
Lorraine Morelli, Applicant's Witness
Faith Morelli, Applicant's Witness

Michael Carlson, Elizabeth Carlson, Sarah Goodstone, Lorraine Morelli and Faith Morelli were sworn in by Attorney Cofoni

Ms. Carlson stated that she is the owner of the property with her husband and is the therapeutic horse therapist and she is now doing hippo therapy with a certified hippo therapy. She explained the hippo therapy. She explained the great need for horse therapy and hippo therapy for disabled and autistic children and that she has a waiting list. She referred to the previous waiver of site plan that she got for her horse therapy business and that at that time she stated that there would be no new structure. The therapy has grown to be more a full time operation and she now works at her other position part time. She explained that this is now a weather permitting therapy and that she would like to now do the therapy full time and therefore they are looking for a cover to work year round in, which is the proposed covered round pen. The cost of the covered round pen is \$23,000 versus an addition to the barn which would be approximately \$150,000.

Ms. Carlson stated that she would like to extend the therapy hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She explained that she currently has lights on the outdoor arena that were put up for her personal use. She referred to the site plan and showed the location of the proposed structure and the tree line which is as a buffer to the adjoining property, which is an open field.

Ms. Carlson answered Mr. Popper that they are a non-profit organization under the 501 rules and they raise money through various fund raisers. At this time only the hippo therapy physical therapist is paid.

Ms. Goodstone stated that she the hippo therapist and she is getting the word out about this therapy opportunity to the schools.

Ms. Morelli stated that her daughter had an accident which left her without oxygen and she explained how the horse therapy has helped her daughter, Faith, after other therapeutic measures failed.

Mr. Carlson referred to the site plan and pointed out the buffers and the distances from the property lines. The house and barns are between the adjoining homes and the round pen.

Ms. Morelli stated that it is a very quite use.

Ms. Carlson stated that there will be a light in the tent.

Mr. Carlson pointed out where the two light poles exist on the property and they are pointed down and stated that the light does not go off the property.

The memo from David Banisch was reviewed.

Ms. Carlson stated that they only have one lesson at a time and they do not intend to extend that.

Mr. Leavens made a motion to grant the waiver of site plan as discussed this evening, seconded by Mr. Bauerlein. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Bauerlein, DiSalvo, Leavens, Popper, Akin

Nays: None Abstain: Absent: McGroarty, Beute, Tobin, Trevena,
Monahan

***DISCUSSION /
CORRESPONDENCE***

1. Vouchers

Mr. Leavens made a motion to approve the vouchers reviewed by the Chairman and found in order and send same on for payment. Seconded by Mr. Bauerlein. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Akin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Popper. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Virginia R. Kesper, Clerk