

Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street on the following:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: George Sipila, Melissa Labossiere, Robert Rossi and Lester Philips.

Absent: Real Gallant, Jeff Arends and Erik Costa with notice.

Staff Present: Jana Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

Also Present: Paul Archer, Archer Surveying, Alan Carpenter, CPH Design Inc., public in attendance.

Roll Call: All members present stated their name for the record.

Seating of Alternates: None.

Ms. Roberson announced that either Chairman Gallant or Vice Chairman Arends were available for tonight's meeting, therefore, in their absence George Sipila has agreed to Chair the meeting. A motion is needed to appoint Mr. Sipila as temporary Chairman for tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to appoint Commissioner George Sipila as Chairman for the duration of tonight's meeting because the Chairman and Vice Chairman are absent. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes. George Sipila abstains.

Approval of Minute:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2014.

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2014. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Acceptance: None.

Reading of Legal Notice: None.

New Public Hearings: None.

Continued Public Hearings: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. 021114A Ken McGahee, Paradise Drive, Map 14, Lot 6, RA Zone; Single Family Home, Septic System, Well and Minor Grading.

Paul Archer from Archer Surveying LLC represents application 021114A. Mr. McGahee owns a 10 acre parcel on the corner of Paradise Drive and would like to build a single family dwelling on the property. The applicant would like a wetlands permit to work in the upland review area. The wetlands soils were delineated by Joseph Theroux. Out of the 10 acres approximately 8 acres are wetlands or flood plain. The biggest concerns were whether there was enough buildable area and the soil testing. The soil testing came back to support a non-engineered septic system. The septic system will be 100% into grade. The septic system at the closest point is 43 feet away from the limits of the wetlands soils. Mr. Archer demonstrates this on the site plan. Ms. Roberson shows photos to Commission Members. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Lester Philips to approve application 021114A of Ken McGahee, Paradise Drive, Map 14, Lot 5, RA Zone; Single Family Home, Septic System, Well and Minor Grading, and associated erosion and sedimentation control measures as submitted with the application. Discussion held.

Lester Philips amends his motion to include “with the finding that there is no feasible or prudent alternative which would cause less environmental impact to wetlands or watercourses.” Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 021114B Brooklyn Little League & Town of Brooklyn, Riverside Park on Greenway Drive, Map 42, Lot 75, R-30/R-10 Zone; Installation of scoreboard, two batting cages, two bullpens, four concrete slabs for bleachers, two (additional) dugouts, 10 ft. x 20 ft. shed/press box on a concrete slab, underground electrical service, and six light fixtures in the parking area (modification of previously approved application 021412A).

Alan Carpenter, registered professional engineer from CPH Design Inc. represents application 021114B.

The Brooklyn Little League has received a grant for \$150,000 from the State for improvements-scoreboard, batting cages, bull pens, concrete slabs for bleachers, dugouts, shed/press box, underground electrical service, and six light fixtures in the parking area.

The Town is getting ready to build a Gazebo with electricity. The electricity is needed to get over to the scoreboard which is on the back side of the left field. There will be one small wetlands crossing to get to the other side of the field, approximately 400 sq. ft. of impact which will consist of excavation of material, installation of a conduit pipe, replace the excavated material, seed and mulch the area. Mr. Carpenter is modifying the proposal for feasible alternative improvements. Mr. Carpenter demonstrates this on a site plan to Commission Members. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to approve application 021114B Brooklyn Little League & Town of Brooklyn, Riverside Park on Greenway Drive, Map 42, Lot 75, R-30/R-10 Zone; Installation of scoreboard, two batting cages, two bullpens, four concrete slabs for bleachers, two (additional) dugouts, 10' x 20' shed/press box on a concrete slab, underground electrical service, and six light fixtures in the parking area (modification of previously approved application 021412A) as modified at the March 11, 2014 meeting. Lester Philips seconds the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Other Business:

1. Review of Bylaws.

Ms. Roberson discussed perhaps amending the bylaws to appoint a secretary to the Commission in the event that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman is unavailable for the meeting. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Melissa Labossiere to table the review of bylaws until next month's meeting April 8, 2014. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.

With regard to the Wetland permit for the gravel operation, Ms. Roberson informed the Commission she has not sent the letter as of yet. Ms. Roberson stated she will do an inspection of the crossing before the April 8th meeting and send out an enforcement action letter.

Melissa Labossiere stated this needs to be done and has been going on long enough.

Lester Philips voiced his concerns with regards to the crossing and feels that the pipes should have been replaced. Discussion ensued.

3. Summary of 2013 Training Program – Videos.

Ms. Roberson plays Chapter 8 The Fair and Impartial Commission Training Program Video for Commission members.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Robert Rossi to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary