

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS  
PLANNING BOARD  
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**FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

**MINUTES**

This meeting was published in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Notice of this meeting was published in an annual meeting notice in the Cape May County Herald and posted in Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevens. The following members were present: Mr. Stevens; Mr. Watson; Mr. Crippen; Ms. Baldwin; and Mr. Turner. Also present were Frank Corrado, Esquire, Board Solicitor and Andrew Previti, Board Engineer.

Mr. Previti was sworn in by Mr. Corrado.

Mr. Corrado also administered the oath of office to Dennis Crippen and Doug Turner.

**APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Stevens advised that there were no applications pending this evening and the only other business was a request by Hidden Acres Campground for a change in playground surface.

**Other Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**HIDDEN ACRES CAMPGROUND - Block 258, Lots 1, 23 and 26:**

Change in playground surface.

Mr. Stevens asked if everyone had a copy of the letter that was sent.

Mr. Corrado swore in Stephen Filippone, P.E. and Malcolm Robertson, owner of campground.

Mr. Filippone testified that he developed the plans for Driftwood II for Mr. Robertson. He

described the material that was placed down on the playground space. He also had a sample for Board members to look at. He indicated that the applicant is here tonight to ask for a modification to use this material. In response to Mr. Previti, he advised that he could provide him with certifications as to the material proposed to be used.

Mr. Previti indicated that he wants to make sure it meets minimum safety requirements before he signs off on it. He further advised that he was not comfortable administratively with the change and thought it was something that should be brought before Board.

Mr. Filippone provided photographs of the playground area to the Board showing the material in place.

Mr. Stevens indicated that he wants to make sure there is verification.

Mr. Watson asked about the life span of material. Mr. Robertson indicated that he was not sure, and would have to ask the contractor, John Wade. Mr. Previti said he believes it has a life span of about 20 years.

Ms. Baldwin indicated that the material looks like a mulch and wanted to know whether it requires maintenance. Mr. Robertson testified that it has to be maintained and additional material is added as needed. He also testified that the material was suggested by his contractor and is consistent with material used on other projects. He further testified that the material is expensive (about 2 times the cost of mulch). Mr. Filippone advised that the mulch look fits into the project better.

Mr. Stevens asked the Board for questions or comments. There being none, he opened the meeting to the public. There being no public comment, that portion of the meeting was closed and the matter brought back to the Board.

Mr. Corrado marked the material sample and photos into evidence.

Mr. Corrado presented a form of Resolution to approve the request, with conditions. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crippen and carried by all members voting.

Mr. Stevens then asked the Board if there was anything else they would like to discuss.

Mr. Watson wanted to know what was going on with affordable housing. Mr. Corrado reviewed the status, but there is not much to report at this time.

Mr. Crippen said he would like to discuss the Ordinance on windmills and solar power. He believes the kilowatt number for windmills is weak, and that most being built are double that number. With respect to solar, he thinks thought needs to be given to allowing solar panels to be on

the ground. Mr. Stevens indicated it is less expensive and easier to maintain solar when on the ground. A general discussion followed. Mr. Turner said he sees no problem with solar being on the ground, also not everyone's house faces the right direction. Mr. Crippen said he believes that if everything is being done by the book, that it should be a permitting process and not have to come to the Board. Mr. Corrado advised that windmills cannot be done by permit only as there are too many variables. Mr. Stevens suggested that Mr. Corrado and Mr. Previti work on something to present to the Board regarding solar power. Mr. Crippen said he believes that an application for solar power now has to come before the Board.

Ms. Baldwin asked for example of kilowatts on windmills that are being built. Mr. Crippen advised, for example, that the windmill installed by the VanDrews is over the 100 kilowatts.

Mr. Stevens questioned about the purchase of power from the use of windmills. Mr. Turner responded to Stevens as to his understanding of how it works.

A general discussion regarding windmills and power company reimbursement for the power produced by the windmill (and other unrelated matters).

### **Resolutions:**

Mr. Stevens asked for a motion to approve the Professional Services Contract for Mr. Previti. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Crippen and carried by all Board members voting on same.

Mr. Stevens then asked for a motion to approve the Professional Services Contract for Mr. Corrado. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crippen and carried by all Board members voting on same.

### **Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting was made by Mr. Watson seconded by Mr. Crippen and carried by all voting members.

### **Bills:**

A motion was made by Mr. Crippen, seconded by Ms. Baldwin and unanimously carried to pay all outstanding bills.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Carla A. Coffey, Secretary  
Dennis Township Planning Board

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