

**OCEANPORT PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
August 8, 2012**

Acting Chairman Whitson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Acting Chairman Whitson led the flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kahle, Mr. McCarthy, Councilman Johnson, Mr. Kleiberg, Mr. Savarese, Mr. Whitson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Fichter, Ms. DeSousa, Mr. Widdis

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jeanne Smith, Board Secretary, Rick DeNoia, Board Attorney, William White, Board Engineer and Planner

Acting Chairman Whitson reviewed the items from the Agenda and stated that the New Business matter for Sea Girt Avenue would not be heard that evening due to a deficiency in the notice requirements and that they were required to re-notice for new hearing date with the earliest possible date of September 12, 2012.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of the special meeting of June 13, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion from Councilman Johnson and a second from Mr. Kleiberg and approved by the eligible Board members.
2. Correspondence: The Board discussed an NJDEP application for 4 Summerfield Avenue and a proposed 7-lot subdivision that had been received. The NJDEP requires that application be submitted to solicit comments from the Board during its review of the application. Board members expressed concerns regarding wetlands impact and directed Mr. White to correspond with the NJDEP with those concerns.

Acting Chairman acknowledged a member of the public who was present and wished to comment.

Mario Marsillo, 19 Summerfield Avenue, offered his concerns including flooding that happens on the subject property and that in storm events crosses the roadway up onto his property, the displacement of various wildlife, the burden on the storm drains and sewer drains. Mr. Marsillo also inquired about the Borough's open space tax, what it was used for and could it be used to purchase the subject land. Councilman Johnson responded maintenance of parks and that it could be used to purchase land but that there was no plan to acquire any new property.

Kristen Gillette, 41 Summerfield Avenue, also expressed concerns about the water as she was at the end of the street, nowhere for water runoff to go and be absorbed if that property were developed, the displacement of wildlife, the original development of the applicant's house and actions taken without permits and had stop orders placed and that she was told by DEP that the wooden fence was there to delineate the transition line and that nothing could be built there and urged the Board to look into it.

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update – Mr. McCarthy summarized why the update was needed for the Borough's Sustainable Jersey certification, the process, the extent of the update including the acquisition of Maria Gatta Community Park, the suggestive master plan for the full development, most of which was not yet implemented and a lot of things Recreation would like to do but cost was the limiting factor. Mr. McCarthy added to the comment about the Open Space Tax purpose that it was also used for the debt service on the \$1 million borrowed to purchase Gatta Park. Mr. McCarthy stressed that the Plan did not attempt to deal with Fort Monmouth or Monmouth Park because of the timing and outcomes were uncertain. Mr.

McCarthy concluded that the final step in the update was for the Plan to be amended to the Master Plan if the Board should choose to authorize it. The Board having no objections authorized Ms. Smith to schedule and notice for an amendment to the Master Plan.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Acting Chairman Whitson opened the meeting to Petitions from the Public and as no one from the public wished to be heard, Acting Chairman Whitson closed that portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE SMITH
Secretary