

**MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007**

PRESENT: John A. Cimino, Chairman
William S. Agress, Vice-Chair
Anthony P. Carabelli, Freeholder
Edward W. Fedorko, Jr.
Jack Flood
Thomas M. Ryan
Anthony Verrelli
Gregory Sandusky, County Engineer

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Stonaker, Board Counsel
Donna M. Lewis, Planning Director
Leslie Floyd, Assistant Planning Director
Richard Smith, Planning Board Secretary
Lisa Fritzinger, Staff
Matthew Lawson, Staff
Dan Pace, Staff
Katrina Placer, Staff
Marisa Wiczorek, Staff

The meeting of the Mercer County Planning Board was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and was posted in the County Clerk's office and the County Administration Building.

II. REORGANIZATION

Mr. Agress made a motion to nominate Mr. Cimino as Chairman. Mr. Fedorko seconded the motion. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations for Chairman. The nomination of Mr. Cimino as Chairman was approved with the following vote:

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| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |
| Y | Jack Flood | | |

Mr. Cimino made a motion to nominate Mr. Agress as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Verrelli seconded the motion. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations for Vice Chairman. The nomination of Mr. Agress as Vice Chairman was approved with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |
| Y | Jack Flood | | |

Mr. Agress made a motion to nominate Joseph L. Stonaker, Esquire as Board Counsel for the year 2007. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations for Board Counsel. The nomination of Mr. Stonaker was approved with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Jack Flood |
| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |

Mr. Flood made a motion to nominate Richard J. Smith as Planning Board Secretary for the year 2007. Mr. Verrelli seconded the motion. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations for Board Secretary. The nomination of Mr. Smith was approved with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Jack Flood |
| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |

The Chairman appointed the following members to represent the Planning Board on the:

Land Development Committee

- John A. Cimino, Chairman
- William S. Agress, Vice Chairman
- Edward W. Fedorko, Jr.
- Donna Lewis, Planning Director
- Greg Sandusky, County Engineer
- All other Board members were designated as alternates to the committee.

Agricultural Development Board

- To be determined

Open Space and Preservation Board

- John A. Cimino, Chairman

Mr. Flood made a motion to approve the 2007 and January 2008 Planning Board Meeting Schedule and Mr. Carabelli seconded the motion

Wednesday, February 14, 2007
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
Wednesday, April 11, 2007
Wednesday, May 9, 2007
Wednesday, June 13, 2007
Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Wednesday, October 10, 2007
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
Wednesday, January 9, 2008

The motion was approved with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Jack Flood |
| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Agress made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2006 Planning Board meeting and Mr. Verrelli seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Jack Flood |
| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lewis updated the Board on the second stakeholder meeting held on December 13, 2006, which is a part of the Mercer County Master Plan Update Process. She noted that the meeting was well attended and that the third and last stakeholder meeting will be held on January 24, 2007. Ms. Lewis explained that upon completion of this meeting, the staff will have work sessions with the Board to develop a draft plan to present to the municipalities. She explained that the municipalities will be requested to have some joint Planning Board meetings to work with the staff to refine the draft plan. Upon completion of this process, a final plan will be prepared for County approval. It is estimated that the entire planning process will take until the end of 2007.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Planning staff member Dan Pace provided a status report on the Mercer County Farmland Preservation Program as of December 2006. It was noted that as of 2006, 72 farms have been preserved totalling approximately 4,500 acres. It was suggested that the Board adopt a resolution to support the allocation of additional State money for Farmland and Open Space funding.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cimino thanked Mr. Ryan for his service as Chairman. Mr. Flood made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Verrelli seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. with the following vote:

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| Y | John A. Cimino | Y | Jack Flood |
| Y | William S. Agress | Y | Thomas M. Ryan |
| Y | Anthony P. Carabelli | Y | Anthony Verrelli |
| Y | Edward W. Fedorko, Jr. | Y | Gregory Sandusky |

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Smith, Planning Board Secretary

Attachments, if any, which are listed in the minutes, are made part of the permanent record in the Minute Book and are available upon request.