

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER DEERFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
HIGHWAY 77, SEABROOK, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Present were: James Crilley, John T. O'Neill, Sr., John Daddario and Bruce Peterson, and all being members of the Township Committee. Also present was Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator/Clerk. Scott Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Crilley and he read the following public meeting announcement.

“This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent via e-mail to the South Jersey Times and the Press of Atlantic City and published on July 10, 2014. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted”. In compliance with the State Fire Safety Statutes, Chairman Crilley instructed those present how to exit the room in an emergency.

The flag salute was led by Mayor James Crilley.

James Crilley, Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue stated that Fairfield Township officials were discussing ways to make their court room ADA compliant.

There being no other public comments James Crilley, Chairman called for a discussion of the Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant for acquisition assistance for property around Silver Lake. Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director for the County of Cumberland, stated that the County Board of Chosen Freeholders have held two public hearings pertaining to the County's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant which includes various projects throughout the County including the two regions that Upper Deerfield is including in its Green Acres Grant application. Mr. Pisarski stated that the County Planning Board has rated the Open Space projects before them and the Sunset Lake Area received the highest valuation to preserve followed by the Silver Lake Area. He added that the Planning Board is in support of both projects. Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator, stated that the Township Committee held a public hearing on the Sunset Lake area at their July 17th meeting and tonight's public hearing is on the Silver Lake area. He added that the Township's application to Green Acres will be for a planning incentive grant which will not target any specified parcel of land. The area previously discussed and the area being discussed for preservation this evening, are upland properties that directly flow into the Cohansey River watershed. Preservation of land in these areas are consistent with the Township's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.

James Crilley, Chairman asked for a motion to open the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Township's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant for acquisition assistance for property around Silver Lake. Bruce Peterson made the motion, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr. to open the Public Hearing, and unanimously carried. Nancy Ridgway of Irving Avenue supports the grant application but was disappointed in the lack of participation from the public. Committeeman Bruce Peterson stated that the public had been in attendance during the Planning Board approval process and were in support of the areas being preserved during that time period. Mr. Peterson added that the Sunset Lake area is contiguous to Sunset Lake and is one of the last great pieces of woodland in the Township and would

be a desirable area to preserve. With no other comments from the public, Bruce Peterson made a motion, seconded by John Daddario to close the Public Hearing, unanimously carried.

James Crilley, Chairman called for a resolution entitled Authorizing Application to and Execution of the Award of an Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for a Planning Incentive Acquisition Assistance Grant for Open Space. The Clerk read the resolution by title. On motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John T. O'Neill, Sr., to approve and adopt said resolution, unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Bruce Peterson, seconded by John Daddario to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk