

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD
Minutes-July 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Martin Connor.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE:

Notice of this meeting was provided by advertising in the New Jersey Herald and the Express Times, the official newspapers of the Frelinghuysen Township Land Use Board. Notice has also been posted on the township bulletin board and the website.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Martin Connor, Donald Soisson, Max Klein, Jessica Caruso, Robert Stock, Lowell Forbes, Siegfried Mueller, Alan DeCarolis and Amanda Schmidt.
Absent were: James Simonetti, Nicholas Soranno, Christopher Stracco and Edyta Martewicz.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2022 were approved on motion made by Mr. Soisson, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor with Ms. Caruso and Mr. Forbes abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veda Farms, Application #2022-03, Block 301, Lots 6 & 6.01.

Appearing before the board was attorney Nicole Voight and founder & CEO Smrita Choubey. At this time, Mr. Stock recused himself and left the building. Ms. Voight stated that Veda Farms intends to purchase Murlan Farms at 175 Kerrs Corner Road in order to grow organic medicinal herbs along with a cannabis cultivation facility. The property consists of 226.88 acres of which the applicant will use 11 acres for the facility. They are requesting two variances: 1) use variance to permit cannabis cultivation in the AR6 zone and 2) use variance to allow cannabis to be cultivated outdoors.

Motion was made by Mr. Soisson, seconded by Mr. Klein to deem the application complete. A condition would be that a T C C meeting be held before the hearing. Roll call to approve completeness: Mr. Soisson-yes, Mr. Klein-yes, Ms. Caruso-yes, Mr. Forbes-yes, Mr. Mueller-yes, Mr. DeCarolis-yes, Ms. Schmidt-yes. Mr. Connor-yes

Due to the September meeting falling on Labor Day, the meeting night needs to be changed. It was decided that the meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The attorney, Mr. Brady suggested that we obtain a radio frequency expert for the Gottfried application. Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Ms. Caruso authorizing Mr. Brady to make the contact. All were in favor with Mr. DeCarolis abstaining.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Open space-no report

Farmland Preservation-no report

Environmental Commission-no report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Forbes to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor. Motion was made Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Forbes to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda J. Kleber, Secretary