

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were: Township Committee members: Thomas F. Panconi, Jr., Richard Stannard, Pari Stave and Mayor David J. Stout. Mr. Wittman was absent. Also present were: Christine Smeltzer, Administrator and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Stout led in the salute to the flag and then asked for a moment of silence for Helene Cody, the 16-year old daughter of Cranbury residents, Wyn and Linda Cody, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from a brain aneurysm. Ms. Cunningham gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

- (1) Posted on December 3, 2007 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 3, 2007.
- (3) Was filed on December 3, 2007 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Mayor Stout announced the Township Committee minutes of October 13, 2008 will be removed from the Agenda and considered at the next Township Committee meeting on November 10, 2008.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Stout reminded everyone this Friday is Halloween and urged everyone to use caution as they move around Town.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Panconi gave his report on the Fire Company, stating the report is for a two-month period of time. For the month of August, the Fire Company responded to a total of 36 calls: 19 were from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and 7 were from 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m., 11 were from 7:00 – 3:00 p.m. and of the 36, 12 were false alarms. For the month of September, the Fire Company responded to a total of 27 calls: 18 were from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 9 from 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m., 11 from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and of the 27, four (4) were false alarms.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, announced Resolution # R 10-08-184 was being removed from the Consent Agenda and Mayor Stout added it is not needed as an agreement already is in place. Ms. Cunningham also announced a Work Session item is being added after the Consent Agenda Resolutions: Discussion of Plaques for Trees Planted in Heritage Park in Memory of Others and the guidelines that have been recommended by the Parks Commission.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-08-185
(Continued)

3. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Blue Rooster
- (d) Township Attorney

Work Session

- a). Discussion of Plaques for Trees Planted in Heritage Park in Memory of Others & Guidelines Set Forth by the Parks Commission.

The Township Committee discussed the guidelines which were recently recommended by the Parks Commission to the Township Committee via an e-mail on September 14, 2008 for commemorative plaques/trees to be planted in Heritage Park. Ms. Stave led the discussion, explaining, to codify what the parameters of a memorializing plaque would be, the Parks Commission came up with the following specifications based on information it obtained from a local supplier: the size of the plaque shall be 6" x 10"; the plaque shall be gray granite (for example, median barre grass if purchased from Duryea) or bronze set flush in the ground; the maximum size for any letter is ¾"; the location of the plaque in the ground and the overall wording and design shall be submitted to the Parks Commission and approved before the plaque is installed; the family is responsible for ordering, arranging for the installation and paying for the plaque from a reputable local entity. In addition, the family will be responsible for the purchase of the tree. On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the recommendations for guidelines made by the Parks Commission were adopted.

Reports from Township staff and professionals

No Reports.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

No Reports.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda. Mr. David Mauger, 26 Griggs Road, stated over the past few years and the past few months, discussions concerning the affordable housing and the Route 130-D site have led some Township Officials to wonder what the neighborhood residents support. Mr. Mauger explained last week a petition was drafted that focuses on the common ground of neighbors and Township Officials. He stated over the weekend 48 neighbors from 26 households in Cranbury Estates signed the petition and more signatures are expected in the coming weeks. Mr. Mauger read the petition: " Regarding Cranbury Township's selection of the Route 130 "D" Site as a means to partially satisfy the Township's current third round affordable housing obligations, we, the undersigned residents, are amenable to the development of up to 29 units of affordable housing at the Route 130 "D" Site in accordance with the following specifications included in Cranbury Township's 2005 Fair Share Housing Element (A. K. A. Complete Third Round Plan):

- * "vehicular access will be restricted to Route 130 (except for emergency access to Ryan Road similar to that between Silvers Lane and Griggs Road)".

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Public Comment (Continued)

Dave Mauger (cont'd)

Petition from Cranbury Estate Neighbors (cont'd)

- * Site design will be considerate of adjacent neighborhoods "at densities and housing types consistent with the surrounding residential development".

We also request that the Route 130 "D" Site Plan include provisions for the following:

- * Improved access from northbound Route 130
- * Permanent open space bordering Ryan Road.

Thank you for your consideration." Mr. Mauger added, every request listed in the petition are positions that have been taken by Township Officials over the past few years as the Township has gone through the process. He explained the point of the petition is to reach a "common ground" as to what the residents would like and what the Township would be amenable to. Mayor Stout thanked Mr. Mauger and stated the design is not something that is active at this point; all the Township's energies are focused on putting the pieces together for the Plan as it relates to the 269 number and what the Township's growth will be. He added, with the open space bordering Ryan Road, another consideration should be the neighbors on Silvers Lane and asked if any resident on Silvers Lane had been party to the petition. Mr. Mauger explained it has not been circulated in the Cranbury Walk Development, however, he has been keeping in touch with one (1) resident on Silver's Lane. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Stout reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Resolution

On motion offered by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi (Stannard (Stave (Stout	Abstain: (None Absent: (Wittman
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Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-08-186

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows:

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed in this session are:

- Land Acquisition (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (5): Discussion of potential acquisition of property for preservation and open space.

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It is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters involving contract negotiations or the acquisition of land will be disclosed upon conclusion of the negotiations or upon approval of the acquisition. Matters involving personnel will be disclosed when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Matters concerning litigation will be announced upon the conclusion of trial or settlement of that litigation or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Date: October 27, 2008

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session:

Ayes: (Panconi	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Wittman
(Stave	
(Stout	

Nays: (None

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk