

**TOWNSHIP OF EAGLESWOOD**  
**LAND USE BOARD MEETING**  
Minutes  
**March 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Eaglewood Township Land Use Board was called to order by Chairman Paul Poklikuha at 07:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mr. Poklikuha led the Flag Salute

**ROLL CALL**

Those members present upon roll call were Mr. Haines, Mr. Holman, Mr. Kinnevy, Mr. Pasternak, Mr. Pine, Mrs. Rivas, Mrs. Sysol and Mr. Poklikuha Also present were Terry Brady, Esquire, Frank Little, Engineer. Absent: Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Nickel

**STATEMENT ~ PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

"Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting Resolution 2014-04, has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Times Beacon given to those having requested and paying for same, and posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building on January 14, 2014."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Application 2014-003 - Eagles Nest Airport, Block 34 Lot's 1,2,3,3.01 Block 36 Lot's 13,13.01,16-22, Application for Amended Site Plan - The applicant seeks approval to relocate 400 feet of runway, westerly towards the Garden State Parkway with the elimination of a corresponding 400 feet on the easterly side.**

Chairman Poklikuha stated that the following two applications are within a 200 foot radius of his property so as law states he will be stepping down and handing the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Holman. 07:02 P.M.

Vice Chairman Holman took over the meeting.

Mr. Howard Butensky introduced himself as the Attorney for the Applicant.

Mr. Holman requested the Township Land Use Board Engineer Frank Little to give a brief summary of his letter regarding the relocation of the runway.

Mr. Butensky requested that Mr. Michael Geller P.E. Architect for the Applicant and Mr. Peter Weidhorn Owner of Eagles Nest Airport be sworn in, at which time Mr. Brady swore them in.

Mr. Geller prepared the Overall Taxiway Layout Plan, and provided the board with an overview of this plan. Exhibit A1 and Exhibit A2 was presented to the board.

Mr. Butensky stated that the applicant is requesting the approval with the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Eagleswood for the purpose of permitting the extension of the airport runway in a westerly direction by 400ft with a corresponding shift of 400ft of airport runway on the easterly side of the same.

The applicant and its professionals testified that the proposed runway relocation does not require any variance from the Township Zoning Ordinances. The applicant has requested only an application submission waiver of an environmental impact statement. The applicant's proposal is in compliance with the area and the neighborhood zoning, and that the granting of the site plan amendment would not be detrimental to the public good.

The board had questions for Mr. Weidhorn regarding the security of the airport. Mr. Weidhorn stated that even if he lived at the airport 24/7 he could not stop pilots from landing at the airport. Attorney Butensky stated that the moving of this runway is to create a safer operation that presently exists.

Mr. Weidhorn stated he has tried very hard to be a good neighbor. He has been trying to help resolve the issues that have been presented to him. Mr. Weidhorn stated his good will is more important than having one person destroy his reputation.

Lighting at the airport was briefly discussed. Mr. Weidhorn stated that night landing is permissible for a minimal amount of night landing and it enhances the quality of the airport. There are no night landings until the lights are installed.

Mr. Pasternak stated that there was an issue recently with helicopters flying extremely low by the airport, Mr. Pasternak contacted Mr. Weidhorn and within thirty minutes the operations had stopped. Mr. Weidhorn stated that he appreciated the credit; however it was not because of him

that the ops had stopped. Mr. Weidhorn stated that there are phone numbers posted including his cell number in case of an emergency or problem.

Mr. Kinnevy questioned the additional 400 feet of paving on the westerly side; no pavement will be removed on the easterly side. Mr. Weidhorn showed the board on the map that it doesn't extend the runway it currently stands at 3270 feet, all that is being proposed is a shifting of the runway, and the 3270 feet remains the same. There will also be some additional lighting needed due to the additional 400 feet of pavement. Mr. Kinnevy is requesting that all lots will be consolidated into a single lot in each affected tax map block by deed on consolidation.

Mr. Little questioned if there will be additional drainage added due to the extension of the airport runway. Mr. Weidhorn agreed that additional drainage facilities will be noted on the plans and be installed to account for additional impervious lot coverage.

Mr. Pine stated that he has heard on numerous times that the airport can't be controlled. Mr. Weidhorn is going to do everything he can do to minimize and guarantee everything that you are asking to be done. Mr. Weidhorn advised the board that he has applied for a Homeland Security grant for cameras. Mr. Weidhorn has agreed that he will put in a camera monitoring system on the site, even if he is not awarded the grant.

At this time seeing there was no further questions from the board. Vice Chairman Holman asked for a motion to open to the public. Mrs. Rivas made a motion, seconded by James R. Pine, all in favor, Motion carried.

Susanne Ricciardi from Rosa Swamp Road was sworn in.

Mrs. Ricciardi questioned the fencing at the airport. She stated that there are still night time landings, and she is very upset that the helicopters are hovering over her home. She feels that the quality of life had decreased since Mr. Weidhorn started back up the airport.

Mrs. Margot Jackson- Division Street was sworn in.

Mrs. Jackson had questions regarding drones; she feels that there will be increased air traffic.

Michele Paccione- Laurel Hill Lane- was sworn in.

Mrs. Paccione does not believe that the extension of the runway is for the residents benefit. She is concerned that there will be more air traffic with the moving of the runway. Mrs. Paccione mentioned that there is a website called flightaware.com that will show the pilots flight pattern. If Mr. Weidhorn was concerned he would have gone on that site and it would have shown her house be buzzed on that Saturday. Mrs. Paccione is concerned that too many trees have been removed. Mrs. Paccione stated that there are now three helicopters repeatedly doing figure eights over her neighborhood at low altitudes. Mrs. Paccione advised that board that she has a made a movie of the helicopter that has been flying over her neighborhood.

Mrs. Paccione stated that the more improvements you make to this airport, this becomes more attractive to pilots, causing much more air traffic and making Eagleswood more dangerous for residents.

Michael Lohr- Railroad Ave- Was sworn in.

Mr. Lohr stated all he has heard tonight is bad things about the airport, but he feels the airport is a good thing. He spends a lot of time at the airport and he likes going out to the airport. He watched supplies being brought into our area after Super Storm Sandy by way of the airport. He doesn't agree with some of the statements that are being made tonight.

Kathleen Wells- Fort Lee Stafford Township was sworn in

Ms. Wells spoke to the board about the talks that the committee wanted that Airport cleaned up and everyone wanted it to be a viable business. Time moves on and Mr. Weidhorn comes before the board with everything he has been working on. The airport is getting cleaned up, and with that comes growth. Ms. Wells stated for the record as a past board member she is in support of the airport.

Jeff Marcucci- Laurel Hill Lane- was sworn in.

Mr. Marcucci stated that this summer was the first time that he is having issues with the airport. He has issues with the noise. He has met with Mr. Weidhorn numerous times; he doesn't feel that this is a good fit for the Town. He doesn't see how moving the runway is going to make this any safer.

Mrs. Paccione addressed the board again stating she is concerned about pilot error.

Mr. Weidhorn testified there was a flight school at the airport, however, there is not one there now. Mr. Weidhorn would hope to have a flight school at the airport.

Mrs. Bernice Colombo- Laurel Hill- Sworn in

Mrs. Colombo questioned the board to why they allowed homes to be built in an Airport Safety Zone.

Mr. Pine addressed Mrs. Colombo question.

At this time seeing there was no one else from the public wishing to speak, Mr. Holman asked for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. Mr. Pine made a motion to close public portion and Mr. Pasternak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Butensky had some questions for Mr. Weidhorn. Mr. Butensky questioned Mr. Weidhorn about the King Air Plane- Mr. Weidhorn stated there is no King Air that has landed in the past year.

Mr. Butensky asked Mr. Weidhorn to describe the Sand Pit. Mr. Weidhorn stated the Sand Pit that was built was due to drainage. Nothing was constructed for the Parachute operation.

Mr. Butensky asked Mr. Weidhorn if he can track unauthorized flight plans on a website. Mr. Weidhorn stated "No" that you have to file a flight plan, this is not required.

Mr. Butensky asked Mr. Weidhorn if there are any helicopters stationed at the Airport. Mr. Weidhorn stated there are none as of today stationed at the airport.

The Safe Zone was explained to the board by Mr. Weidhorn. A funnel was the example that was used to represent the Safety Zone.

Mr. Butensky asked Mr. Weidhorn if you give orders to the pilots on what direction to take do they do what you say? Mr. Weidhorn stated that "Yes"

Mr. Little asked if there was a fence all the way around the airport. Mr. Weidhorn stated there is no fence all the way around the airport and it would be too costly for him so he has no intentions of fencing in the entire airport.

Mr. Pine addressed the board regarding all the issues that they have had before them. Mr. Pine feels Mr. Weidhorn has tried his best to work with the board. Mr. Pine is happy to hear that there will be cameras at the airport, he feels comfortable that this is definitely a step in the right direction.

Mr. Haines feels Mr. Weidhorn has good intentions. He feels it will be safer, but he feels activity will increase. He doesn't have a problem with the runway being relocated.

Mrs. Rivas doesn't feel the issues before us are going to change with 400 feet or not. With that being said maybe the Pilot will approach differently and there will be change.

Mr. Pasternak questioned the relocation; he is concerned that other residents could be affected. He also asked Mr. Little if Mr. Weidhorn wanted to add more asphalt would he have to come back before the board. Mr. Little didn't feel he would have to come back before the board.

Mr. Kinnevy feels there are issues with the airport; however, this application is regarding the relocation of the runway. He can see no reason not to approve it.

Mr. Pasternak feels Mr. Weidhorn does do things right, he feels he is working his hardest to run a first class operation.

Terry Brady attorney for the Land Use Board will prepare a Resolution to include the following conditions: Revised plans will be submitted to reflect only the previously approved and presently approved site conditions ( no parachute landing zone to be designated at this time), Complaint telephone quick contact information shall be maintained on the Airport website and on property signage for the Airport Owner's immediate availability, All lots will be consolidated into a single

lot in each affected tax map block by deed of consolidation. Additional drainage facilities will be noted on the plans and be installed to account for any additional impervious lot coverage and the applicant will provide camera monitoring of the site.

Land Use Board	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Mr. Bartlett (Alternate)						x	
Mr. Haines	x		x				
Mr. Holman			x				
Mr. Kinnevy		x	x				
Mr. Nickel						x	
Mr. Pasternak			x				
Mr. Pine			x				
Mrs. Rivas			x				
Mrs. Sysol			x				
Mr. Poklikuha							x
<b>VOTE:</b>			7			2	1

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A notice was provided to the board for a Waterfront Development Permit for Block 5 Lot 19- 433 Dock Road for Richard and Pearl Ward.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

James R. Pine made a motion to adjourn, Second by Michael J. Pasternak. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 09:50 PM P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand  
Eagleswood Township Land Use Board