

RESOLUTION NO. 063-2014

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PRE-APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR A PORTION (0.11 ACRES) OF BLOCK 62, LOT 35 TO BE DIVERTED

WHEREAS, a portion (0.11 acres) of Block 62, Lot 35 as depicted on Schedule A is part of the Township of Harrison lands which is encumbered with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the proposed road development, it is necessary to remove the Green Acres restriction from a 0.11 acre portion of the vacant parkland; and

WHEREAS, the removal of Green Acres restrictions from such vacant land requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Harrison wishes to apply for approval for 0.11 acres of Block 62, Lot 35 as a minor disposal or diversion of parkland under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the first step in the application process for approval of a minor disposal or diversion of parkland is the filing of a pre-application under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4(d)10, it is necessary for the Township of Harrison to submit as part of the pre-application a Resolution endorsing the application to divert or dispose of parkland;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by te Mayor and Council of the Township of Harrison, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Harrison endorses the filing of a pre-application for the diversion of 0.11 acres as depicted on Schedule A pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26;

2. The Township of Harrison hereby finds that the diversion of lands as depicted on Schedule A would meet the minimum substantive criteria of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.1(d) by yielding a significant public benefit in the development of a public roadway for existing and future homeowners in the area;

3. The Township of Harrison acknowledges that in order to obtain the approval of the diversion, all substantive and procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 must be met, including compensation requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.5; and

4. The Township of Harrison acknowledges that in the event the Green Acres Program classifies the diversion as a major disposal or diversion of parkland, additional application information will be required under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 before the application can proceed.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Harrison held January 22, 2014.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DIANE MALLOY,
Municipal Clerk

LOUIS F. MANZO,
Mayor