

Bass River Township Planning Board

October 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on October 2, 2019 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was opened with the flag salute. In accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice of the meeting was posted in The Beacon and the Atlantic City Press.

Planning Board members present were: Mrs. Cope, Mr. Steele, Mr. Bien, Mr. L. Bourguignon, Mrs. Oeser and Mr. Chandler. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2019 were available for the board and the public. Mr. L. Bourguignon made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Steele seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time

New Business: N/A

Old Business: Board discussion for Pinelands and the possibility of changing zoning – including input received from Township residents.

Since the last meeting...we received 8 issues from people within the town who have had issues with Pinelands over the years. Mayor Cope met with Nancy Wittenberg- the director. She was told if it was worth sitting down with, she would meet with them personally. The mayor reached out to 5 people and they are considering sitting down with the Pinelands representative.

Backwater Jacks was told they needed to leave an existing wall up.

An old farmhouse was told they need to rebuild in the same footprint- which is basically right on the road. They wanted to move it back 75 feet and were told they had to consolidate with 29 acre lot next door. Now they are being told they can't rebuild at all.

The Engineer (Mr. Guzzi) is going to rework the zoning schedule and zoning ordinance. He will add in the absent zones and update the existing ones.

Meets and Bounds do not need to be included.

Show Pinelands jurisdiction on the zoning map and maybe include a list showing all of the lots that fall within the Pinelands.

He will get this together before the next meeting but it is unlikely that he will be able to attend as there is a scheduling conflict.

It is probable that the Board is going to try to switch the monthly meetings from the first Wednesday of the month to the fourth Wednesday. Both professionals will be able to make that night.

7:55 PM Meeting open to the public after a motion by Mr. L. Bourguignon – seconded by Mrs. Cope. All were in favor. No members of public were present.

7:55 PM Motion to close public portion was made by Mr. Bourguignon and was seconded by Mrs. Cope. All were in favor.

7:56 Being no other business at this time -A motion was made by Mr. Steele to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Ruffo. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Planning Board Secretary