

Bass River Township Planning Board

January 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on January 17, 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. Hazard, Mr. Crowley, Mrs. Ruffo, Mr. Bien, Mrs. Verdine and Mrs. Oeser. In light of absent members, Mrs. Oeser was made a voting member.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December, 2018 were available for the board and the public. Mrs. Cope made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Ruffo seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Correspondence: The correspondence folder was gone through.

Old Business: Master Plan re-examination- Memorialize resolution.

Chairman Bien mentioned the changes that he had made per the last meeting and asked if this is what the board had wanted. There were still some changes to the Pinelands/Village line that the Board wanted. Attorney Norman stated that we can still memorialize the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruffo to memorialize the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Steele. Roll call was taken, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chairman Bien asked what happens if the Pinelands Commission says no? Attorney Norman suggested to ask for a hearing and have the Commissioners attend. Mayor Cope suggested maybe putting a committee together to attend the hearing also. Attorney Norman agreed that would be a good idea. Notice it in the newspaper etc.

7:50 -A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Crowley and was seconded by Mrs. Verdine.

Mrs. Bitzberger- questioning why Master Plan needs to be sent to the Pinelands Commission. Questioned if whoever represents our township will be able to talk to them about what we want.

Mr. Assur- believes that the town may eventually just “go away” if changes aren’t made.

Mr. Assur also questioned how much state owned land is in the new “circle” for the Pinelands designated area.

He believes if it is not that many lots affected- it may help the townships case.

Mr. Swanseen- volunteered to be on the Special board if it comes to that.

7:59 A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Verdine and seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor.

New Business: N/A

8:00 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