

Bass River Township Planning Board

October 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on October 19, 2017 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:00 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: Mr. Steele, Mr. Hazard, Mrs. Ruffo, Mr. Neuweiler, Mr. Bourguignon and Mrs. Verdine.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2017 were available for the board and the public. A motion to approve minutes was made Mrs. Ruffo and was seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor and said minutes were approved.

Correspondence: There was a correspondence list that the Chairman read and correspondence was available for review

Old Business:

Memorialize Resolution 2017-04 for Gutierrez Properties (Caldwell Marine). Attorney Norman read the resolution. Mr. Hazard made a motion to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Bourguignon. Mr. Steele abstained. Mrs. Ruffo abstained. Mrs. Verdine abstained.

Modification of Resolution 2015-01 for Mary Delois. This was a use variance for a dog kennel. The new Resolution is 2015-02A. Block 43 Lot 11.

The reason this resolution is back is because the description of the kennel was unclear back in 2015- the dimensions were incorrect. The Pinelands Commission picked up on the discrepancy and a survey with the proper dimensions was resubmitted to the board and professionals for review. A new resolution has been created with the corrected information. All this needs to be done before she can move forward with her Site Plan application.

A motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Mrs. Ruffo and was seconded by Mr. Hazard. Roll call was taken and all were in favor.

New Business: N/A

7:58 Hearing open to the public- Motion made by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Hazard. Mrs. Bitzberger questioned the ramp on Amasa Landing Road. She questioned that the Township got a grant to make improvements. It was confirmed and there have

been improvements made. She was told there were needles on the ground. Mr. Neuweiler stated he is down there at least 3 days a week and has never seen anything like that. Mrs. Bitzberger also stated that someone was given a permit for someone to cut down a tree near the Cranberry bogs by Wading River. She stated that someone cut down a tree that had an Eagle's nest in it. She questioned if the Board gave the permit. Attorney Norman stated it is a DEP issue.

Mr. Aaronson wanted to discuss issues with Viking Yacht and wanted some information on the Gormley subdivision. He questioned why there were deeds regarding the Gormley matter- Attorney Norman stated they were finalizing the subdivision by deed not plat. Mr. Aaronson stated the board should be concerned over an environmental hazard- by Viking Yacht – this is due to a permit submitted for dredging. He stated the Board was a bunch of “Vikingites”. He states that the bigger boats that Viking is building are causing the need for more dredging which is adding to the destruction of the wetlands. He does not believe the Board is aware and needs to stay on top of this. He also states he has a formal complaint in with the DEP against Viking regarding a new building. He states this was never approved. He is waiting until we have a new Governor. Mr. Aaronson states they run the boats way to fast down the channel. Mr. Neuweiler stated he has not seen this and that he has seen them go the proper speed. Attorney Norman stated they are agreeing to disagree. Mr. Aaronson stated he did not need any Attorney butting in and didn't even know why Attorney Norman was there.

7:40 Closed to the public. Motion to close meeting to public was made by Mrs. Verdine and seconded by Mrs. Ruffo. All were in favor.

7:41 Being no other business at this time -A motion was made by Mr. Steele to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Planning Board Secretary