

**Bass River Township Planning Board**

**September 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on September 15, 2010 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:03 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. Shuff, Mr. Brower, Mr. Pennella, Mrs. Dillon, Mr. Neuweiler, Mr. Mathis and Mr. Hazard.

There were no minutes available, as the last meeting was held in May of 2011 and the Secretary was out on disability from April through July.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence list was gone over. Several pieces of correspondence were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

**Old Business:**

1. N/A

**New Business:**

1. Informal discussion- Request for Site Plan waiver for Park Improvements. Engineer Kris Kluk explained the improvements that are planned for the park and why they are requesting a waiver of site plan submission. All work that has been done at the park has been done by volunteers and soldiers. A grant was received by the County for approximately \$70,000.00. The improvement is very small. They want to provide a small parking area, new bathrooms (septic + well) (test pits already done). They also want to restore an old railroad car and make it become a “welcome center”. The park is 65 acres. The approximate improvements will be about ¼ of an acre. They also want to put in a running/walking trail that will have exercise stations. This grant money from the County is going to the Park, not to the Railroad.

A motion to grant a waiver for submission of a site plan application was made by Mr. Neuweiler and was seconded by Mr. Mathis. Roll call was taken- all present members were in favor and the motion was passed.

2. Informal discussion- Arrowhead Campground Letter. No one from Arrowhead Campground was available to speak re: this letter. This was regarding selling ammo at the campground store.

3. Remand Hearing to supplement the Assur-09 Application: Chris Norman explained that Judge Bookbinder issued an order to remand the application due to gaps in the transcripts in the original hearing. The judge signed an order to supplement the records with this remand hearing.

Barbara Dillon- Chairperson- stated that she believes that Mr. Assur has ethics issues with her and she would like to know if she is able to sit in on this hearing.

**7:25 pm** Mr. Gemmel (attorney) and the Assurs went into a private discussion in the hallway to discuss this matter.

**7:36 pm** Back in to meeting- Mr. Gemmel stated that there is an objection against Mrs. Dillon and they would like her to step down. They will provide their reasons, however are not prepared to do so at this time.

Mr. Assur will not be available for the October meeting. Mr. Norman advised that notice has to be provided for the new hearing. A date of December 15, 2011 was decided for the date of the next hearing. With that kind of a time frame- Mr. Norman said it is not acceptable for a new notice not to be issued. Mr. Gemmel did not want to re- notice but did agree to in order to have things done properly.

Mr. Hazard asked if this would be the proper scenario to discuss the issues at hand with the Chairperson. It is.

Mr. Gemmel is going to re- notice the hearing for December 15, 2011 at 7:00pm.

The transcript from the original hearing was provided to the Board Secretary. Anyone who was not in attendance for the original hearing can read the transcripts and then be able to vote in the December hearing.

7:47 Public comment: A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brower and was seconded by Mr. Pennella.

Henry Bourguignon spoke. He said he went over and looked at the train and thought it was very nice.

He also mentioned that he was badgered by Mr. Neuweiler- regarding Riparian issues. This was an issue regarding property on Goldecker Road. He said he has no issues with anyone on the board but has no interest in discussing anything again with Mr. Neuweiler.

A motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Hazard and was seconded by Mr. Shuff. All were in favor and the public portion of this meeting was closed.

Mrs. Dillon mentioned that Pinelands has requested that we must revise our zoning ordinances. There are proposed amendments. (All members will receive copies).

This is going to be a matter that will be voted on at a public meeting. The Planning Board is to make recommendations to the Governing Body.

**7:52 PM-** Being no other business at this time, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hazard and was seconded by Mr. Pennella. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey  
Planning Board Secretary