

Bass River Township Planning Board

November 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on November 17, 2011 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:06 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. Bien, Mr. Pennella, Mr. Neuweiler and Mr. Mathis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2011 were available for the board and the public. A motion to approve said minutes was made by Mr. Shuff and was seconded by Mr. Pennella. Roll call was taken, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

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

Old Business:

1. Attorney/Client Privilege Assur –Vs- Bass River Township

New Business:

1. Discussion of Township Ordinances: Each Board member was given a binder containing current ordinances and a copy of the zoning map. Every municipality in the Pinelands Area must occasionally revise its land use ordinances when necessary to meet new or revised Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan requirements. There was discussion regarding Tree Cutting ordinances and whether the information in the binder was the most recent information available. There was also a discussion on clustering. Attorney Chris Norman explained exactly what clustering is and how it would work in area like Bass River Township. It was mentioned that our tax maps are inaccurate so how would we be able to determine one acre zoning for clustering. Several Board members indicated that Bass River Township is not the type of township that would benefit from clustering. Board members are to read over the information and sample ordinances that they have been provided with and try to determine how to incorporate necessary changes into a plan that will work for the Township. No decisions were made at this meeting.

Public comment: A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Mathis and was seconded by Mr. Shuff.

Henry Bourguignon spoke questioned the possibility of clustering. Mr. Norman tried to clarify how and where it could occur in this town. He also mentioned about the zoning map that was done incorrectly and questioned if the Engineer had gotten paid for doing that map because the grid was changed after the maps was redone. He also stated that GIS maps are inaccurate.

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

9:01 PM- Being no other business at this time, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bien and was seconded by Mrs. Cope. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Planning Board Secretary