

**Bass River Township Planning Board**

**February 27, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on February 27, 2013 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:02 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. Brower, Mr. Pennella, Mr. Shuff, Mr. Neuweiler, Mr. Hazard, and Mr. Steele. Due to absent members, Mr. Hazard was made a voting member.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2013 were available for the board and the public. A motion to approve said minutes was made by Mr. Shuff and was seconded by Mr. Neuweiler. All were in favor and said minutes were approved.

The minutes from the reorganization done on January 17, 2013 were also read. A motion to approve those minutes was made by Mr. Shuff and seconded by Mr. Neuweiler. All were in favor and said minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was gone over, reviewed and discussed by the Board.

**New Business:**

Schmutz- 2013-01 Public Hearing- Mr. Pettit- Planner for the applicant was unable to attend this meeting. A motion to carry this hearing was made by Mr. Pennella, seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor all this hearing will be carried to the next regular Planning/Zoning Meeting.

Jerry So- Block 57 Lot 7- Informal Discussion: regarding whether or not this lot can be built on. Title insurance shows that the deed contains the easement information. This property is in the Pinelands and would first need a Certificate of Filing before any other action can take place. Planning Board Attorney and Engineer both mentioned Septic and Wetlands as potential issues with development also. Attorney Norman stated this would need a planning variance.

Harvey 2013-02 Public Hearing, Variance Relief Block 52 Lot 17: Attorney Chris Norman swore in Kathleen and John Harvey. Hurricane Sandy flooded their home at 88 North Maple Avenue with 56 inches of water, the house was structurally damaged and needs to be knocked down. Due to the new elevation requirements, the steps to the new home will now be outside the existing footprint. The house will be on pilings. This was already a pre-existing non-conformity. There was a discussion about moving the house 4

feet back and this would lessen the deviation. The Harvey's would like to keep this house where it was and not move it.

The Resolution (2013-01) was already prepared by Attorney Norman and was read by Chairman Brower.

A motion to grant the variance was made by Mr. Neuweiler and was seconded by Mr. Shuff. Roll call was taken, Mr. Steele recused himself. All other Board members were in favor and the motion was passed.

**Old Business:** N/A

**7:51 PM-** Being no other business at this time, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Neuweiler and was seconded by Mr. Penella. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey  
Planning Board Secretary