

Bass River Township Planning Board
January 19, 2012

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Before the regular meeting began- the 2012 reorganization of the Planning Board took place.

Planning Board Member Chris Brower and Alternate Member #1 Chris Mathis were to be reappointed. Mr. Mathis was replacing the seat of Ray Heikel who is no longer on the board. Alternate member #2 Scott Hazard was moved up to Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 seat is now open.

Chris Norman called for the nomination of the Board Chairman- A motion to nominate Chris Brower was made by Mr. Mathis and was seconded by Mr. Neuweiler. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chris Norman called for the nomination for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Mathis made a motion to nominate Russ Bien, seconded by Mr. Bethea. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chris Norman called for the nomination of the Planning Board Solicitor. Mr. Mathis made a motion to appoint Chris Norman, seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chris Norman called for a nomination for Board Engineer. Mrs. Dillon made a motion to appoint Kris Kluk, seconded by Mr. Neuweiler. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

A motion to close the re-organization portion of the meeting was made by Mr. Bethea, seconded by Mrs. Cope. All were in favor. Reorganization was closed at 7:11PM.

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The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on January 19, 2012 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:12 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. Bethea, Mrs. Cope, Mr. Shuff, Mr. Brower, Mrs. Dillon, Mr. Neuweiler and Mr. Mathis and Mr. Hazard.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2011 were available for the board and the public. A motion to approve said minutes was made by Mr. Mathis and was seconded by Mr. Shuff. Roll call was taken, all were in favor and said minutes were approved. Mr. Bethea and Mrs. Dillon abstained.

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

Old Business:

1. N/A

New Business:

1. Informal Discussion- Donald Bishop – 17 S. Maple Ave. Mr. Bishop wanted information on what he was able to do with his property. He wants to tear down and rebuild –the house is close to the property lines. Existing house is approx. 900 sq. feet. Property size is 50 x 200. Board member Mr. Neuweiler stated that many properties in the center of town are non-conforming and the board has had a solid understanding of the issues in working with re-development applications. He was instructed to make an application and/or get an attorney. The Board cannot give out advice prior to an application being made.
2. Informal Discussion- Joe Schmutz re: New Gretna Furniture/Used car sales Mr. Schmutz was not at this meeting. Mrs. Dillon stated that if any application comes before the Board in relation to this, that she will recuse herself due to personal reasons.

Ordinance 2012-01 from the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners:

An Ordinance of the Township of Bass River amending Bass River Code Chapter 17.32 Administration and Enforcement. This amends section 17.32.235- Inspections. A public hearing will be held on this Ordinance on February 6, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

This ordinance has no issues to whether it is consistent with the Master Plan. The Board did not express any issues in regard to this Ordinance. They have 15 days to comment back to the Township Clerk.

Continuation of Township Ordinances previously discussed:

The discussion regarding Clustering was continued from the meeting held in November. The only way it could be done in Bass River Township would be if they took part of our Preservation area. The consensus is that clustering does not work in this town. The representative at Pinelands that the Mayor spoke with understands our predicament and we are not the only township with this problem. The ultimate threat Pinelands could make would be to say the Bass River is not in compliance with the CMP and they could threaten to take the power of zoning away. There was discussion of sending a letter stating it is not feasible in the township at this time. An ordinance needs to be adopted and to them by April 30, 2012. The first two items – which are Woodlands (Forestry) and Wetlands Management – the Board is ok with, it is just the Clustering that is an issue. The Board of Commissioners is going to introduce this ordinance and then refer it to the planning board...then the board can agree with the first two items and say no to the Clustering portion.

7:50

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Bethea and was seconded by Mr. Shuff. All were in favor.

Henry Bourguignon wanted to thank Mrs. Cope, Mr. Bethea and Mr. Kluk for their help with getting the tax map fixed.

A motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Bethea, seconded by Mrs. Cope- all were in favor and the public portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The motion to enter session was made by Mr. Bethea and was seconded by Mr. Hazard

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

- 1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege*
 - a. Assur v. Bass River Township Planning Board*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged.

8:20 Entered back into regular session

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Planning Board Secretary