

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, June 6, 2016. Chairman Fish called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and he announced that notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.” He then led the Board in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members present: Marvin Fish, Steve Larena, Brian LaBar, Christopher John Kruk, Neil Rosenberg, John Koonz, Robert May, and Mayor Timothy McDonough.

Members absent: Betsy Peterson, Tom Toohey, and Chris Maier.

Also Present: Board Attorney Roger Thomas, Board Engineer Ted Rodman, and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of April 4, 2016, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Koonz, who were not present at the April meeting and they abstained.

Old Business:

#15-003 Estate of George B. Winter, Block 5000, Lot 400

Board Engineer Rodman reviewed the outstanding condition pertaining to the waiver and/or review from the Blairstown Township Land Use Board.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to grant the requested extension. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. Discussion on the motion: The time frame was discussed and it was agreed to extend until August 1, 2016. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Zoning Permit Fee Schedule

Chairman Fish stated that the Board received a memo from the Township Clerk, dated April 15th, in regards to the Zoning Permit Fee Schedule and it was agreed to not take any action on the matter after discussing the matter with Board Attorney Thomas as it out of the Board's area.

Annual Financial Disclosure Statement

Chairman Fish reminded everyone that they should have filed their Annual Financial Disclosure Statement by April 30th.

St. John the Baptist Serbian Church Resolution

Chairman Fish asked if Board is in receipt of the following documents that were conditions of the Board approval: the guaranty, rules and regulations, and the letter to the State Cemetery Board.

Memorializing Resolution:

#15-002 Robert and Jason May, Block 1100, Lot 400

Mr. Larena made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Koonz, and Mr. May, who abstained.

Other:

Master Plan

Board Attorney Thomas reviewed the requirement to review the Master Plan every ten years. Board Secretary Schemm will distribute the 2006 reexamination report so that it can be reviewed by the Board Members.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

Re: May	\$ 89.05
Re: St. John the Baptist Serbian Church	444.55

Mr. LaBar made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. May, who abstained.

Rodman Associates

Re: General	130.00
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Mr. May made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Old Business:

#15-002 Robert and Jason May, Block 1100, Lot 400

The Board reviewed the status of the application. Mr. May updated the Board on the status of the County review.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to grant another extension until August 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. May, who abstained.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Fish opened the meeting to the public.

Mike Starcev was present on behalf of St. John the Serbian Church and he stated that he was asked to attend tonight's meeting to see if the Church could relocate the trailer instead of removing it, as it could be used with their farming/gardening operation. Board Attorney Thomas stated that the removal of the trailer was a condition of the approval and the Church would have to reapply and renote if they wished to modify the approval.

With there being no other public comments, the hearing was closed to the public.

Other Business:

Board Secretary Schemm distributed the 2014 and 2015 Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Reports. She stated that there are ordinance recommendations attached to the 2014 report that the Township may wish to consider during Ordinance review.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
8/1/16