

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, September 12, 2016. Chairman Fish called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Brian LaBar, Christopher John Kruk, Betsy Peterson, Tom Toohey, Chris Maier, and Mayor Timothy McDonough.

Member absent: Neil Rosenberg, Steve Larena, John Koonz, and Robert May

Also Present: Alternate Board Attorney Michelle M. Corbett-Rivielle and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of August 1, 2016, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Maier made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Kruk.

Discussion on the motion: Ms. Peterson had a question in regards to the minutes, which was addressed by Board Secretary Schemm. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Completeness:

#16-001 Sarbjit Singh, Block 3700, Lot 400; Block 3701, Lot 100

Chairman Fish, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Kruk, Mr. Toohey, and Mayor McDonough noted their recusals. It was noted that there are not five Board Members eligible to vote on this matter this evening and the Board discussed the procedure and the scheduling, for the October meeting. The re-location of the meeting was also discussed and Mayor McDonough stated that he can look into alternate locations; however, it was determined that the Community Center would be the first alternate location.

Memorializing Resolutions:

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

Mayor McDonough made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

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

Mr. LaBar made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Other:

Master Plan

Chairman Fish stated that he reviewed with Board Engineer Rodman the fulfillment of the recommendations that were made in the 2006 Master Plan Re-examination report.

He questioned the recommendation in regards to the Rehabilitation of Silver Lake and Mayor McDonough stated that he would look into whether anything was adopted by the Township. The Board discussed the statutory deadline, the re-examination of the Master Plan, and holding possible future meetings to obtain public input. Attorney Corbett-Rivielle went on to review the statute in regards to the adoption of the Master Plan Re-Examination report. The Board continued to discuss the options.

Mr. Maier made the motion that the Board has concluded upon the re-examination of the Master Plan that no modifications are necessary to the current Master Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Kruk. Discussion on the motion: questioned recommendations that would be addressed in the future. The Board then discussed designating a future date to consider any amendments that the public may wish to put forth. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

A resolution will be prepared for the Board to adopt at the next meeting.

Chairman Fish made the motion to hold a public meeting on February 11, 2017, to hear suggested amendments to the Master Plan. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

	Dolan & Dolan	
Re: Singh		172.13
Re: Master Plan		50.07
Re: Singh		86.07
Re: May		248.82
Re: Master Plan		86.07
Re: Winter		278.82
	Rodman Associates	
Re: General		130.00

Mr. Maier made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. LaBar. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Fish opened the meeting to the public.

Lynn Peterson commented on the current Master Plan and her concerns regarding possible service stations in the future, which was discussed.

John Mongrella commented on the Master Plan and he stated that he will have comments to make in regards to the application.

With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

Other:

Mayor McDonough announced that the Hope Annual Picnic will be held on September 24th.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
10/28/16