

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2018

A work meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, June 25, 2018. Chairman Marvin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 led the Board in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members present: Steve Larena, Terry Urfer, Matthew Koski (Alternate 2), Marvin Fish, Chris Maier, Tom Toohey (Alternate #2), and John Koonz.

Members absent: Betsy Peterson, Neil Rosenberg, Robert May, and Mayor Timothy McDonough

Also Present: Board Secretary Schemm

Other Business:

Master Plan Discussion

Chairman Fish began the Master Plan discussion by stating that the Board should not review the entire Master Plan without some input from the Board Planner and at this time the Township cannot afford that review. He also stated that he was advised by Board Attorney Thomas, to not discuss Service Stations in the POP Zone, as there may be future potential litigation.

Mr. Maier stated that it was his understanding that there were three items to be submitted to the Board Members, prior to the Board continuing any further discussion regarding the POP Zone, which still has not been received. The Board continued to discuss whether they could review uses, in the POP Zone, that may not potentially impact water. Board Secretary Schemm and Mr. Koonz stated that they did look for the Aquifer Study for the Route 80 Interchange; however, they were unable to locate a written study.

Mr. Koonz made the motion that the Board should not discuss the POP Zone, while there is an active application before the Township. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Urfer stated that he is working on getting the Master Plan digitized so that it can be placed on the Township Website. He also asked that a Thank You note be sent to Rose Leopardi for copying the Master Plan.

Mr. Urfer made a motion to send a Thank You note to Rose Leopardi for copying the Master Plan documents. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Urfer also asked if the Sign Ordinance, in the POP Zone, can be one of the first topics that the Board reviews, when the Singh application is completed, which was discussed.

Mr. Urfer made the motion to review and discuss the Sign Ordinance, once the Singh application is completed. Discussion on the motion: the Board discussed making this discussion a priority. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Koonz stated that the Board may want to revisit the motion that was made, if the Aquifer Study for the Route 80 Interchange, cannot be found. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to revisit the issue, if the document cannot be located.

Mr. Urfer questioned the scheduling of the hearing for the cell tower. Board Secretary Schemm stated that the hearing is tentatively scheduled, as a Special Meeting, for the 4th Monday in July, as she has cleared that date with the Board and the Applicant.

Mr. Urfer also commented on the location of the proposed Township Salt Shed and if it requires review. It was suggested that the matter be reviewed by the Board Attorney.

Mr. Larena confirmed that the work meetings are no longer needed. Chairman Fish stated that the work meetings should be eliminated and any other future discussion matters can be addressed as needed.

Open to the Public:

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

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
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