

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MAY 4, 2015**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, May 4, 2015. Marvin 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 of allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: Chris Maier and Betsy Peterson

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

Correspondence:

4-16-15 WCPB, Re: Robert & Jason May

Chairman Fish noted the correspondence, which he stated will be addressed during the hearing.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 6, 2015, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. LaBar, who was not present at the April 6, 2015 meeting, and he abstained.

New Business:

#14-001 St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church, Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan, Block 4000, Lot 500-Completeness

It was noted that the Applicant is not prepared to proceed this evening. The Board will carry the matter to the Board's June meeting.

Mr. May stepped down and recused himself.

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

Debra Nicholson, Esq. was present on behalf of the Applicant. Board Engineer Rodman reviewed his report of April 15, 2015 and the two items that were listed. Board Secretary Schemm stated that she has a copy of the Email from the Tax Assessor and a letter has also been received from the WCSCD. Board Engineer Rodman recommended that the Board deem the application complete.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to deem the application complete. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Robert May, Jason May, and Wayne Jarvis were all sworn in. The Board acknowledged that Mr. Jarvis has qualified and testified before the Board in the past. Attorney Nicholson briefly summarized the proposed subdivision.

Mr. Jarvis described the proposal and his conversation with the County. The following was marked as an exhibit:

A-1 Colored Proposed Site Development Plan, dated 3-27-15

Mr. Jarvis stated that he will supply revised drawings, once everything is settled. The following was submitted and marked as an exhibit:

A-2 Survey of Easements on Lands, dated April 7, 2014

Mr. Jarvis continued to discuss the preservation and the proposed subdivision. Jason May stated that the purpose of the subdivision is to build a home for himself in the future. The following was submitted and marked as an exhibit:

A-3 Thomas D. Norkevich, Wetland & Soil Investigation, dated 3-30-15

Attorney Nicholson requested that the Board grant the proposed Minor Subdivision.

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

Board Engineer Rodman briefly commented on his report and the possible conditions of an approval.

Mayor McDonough made the motion to grant the subdivision as discussed this evening. Board Attorney Thomas reviewed the conditions of an approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

Re: General	\$543.92
Re: St. John the Baptist Church	\$931.47

Mr. Rosenberg made the motion to approve the vouchers. 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. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

Adjournment: In a motion made and seconded the Planning Board adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary