



# PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY



**P.O. Box 10243  
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**Minutes of General Meeting:**  
Fezziwig's Warehouse Grill & Bar  
January 20, 2005

## **Persons Present:**

Dennis Smith	Dawn Hunter	Jeff McCall
RJ Kruger	Max Raffaele	Fred Czepiga

## **Minutes:**

RJ made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by Fred, motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Balance..... \$ 2,572.82

Savings Balance.....\$ 5,604.76  
As of December 31, 2004

The chapter dues were received from NJSPLS in the amount of \$1350.00

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by RJ, seconded by Fred, motion passed.

## **Communications:**

We have received a notice from NJSPLS regarding their new Cream Ridge Office.

There was a letter that was mis-mailed and was forwarded a few times from NJSPLS that we finally received

We received a thank you note from Mike Burns for our contribution.

We received a Christmas card from Atanas Entchev and Family.

The Annual Report filing form was received from Tom Harris. Dennis will take care of this form and turn it into the state.



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Emails have been exchanged between Dawn and the Bucks chapter requesting a joint meeting in February, March or April. Dawn will coordinate with them for a March Meeting.

## **Directors Report:**

Fred indicated that the last meeting was a light meeting with nothing much happening. Barbra McConnell **was in attendance** to report on her efforts this year in regards to the Minor Subdivision Bill. The bill will be reintroduced this year.

Other topics of discussion were:

### Drug Free Zones

Drug Free Zones indicate boundaries where the fines for drug offenses are more stringent within 1000 feet of a school.

As it stands this radius boundary is determined by an engineer, this issue will be going to the **State Attorney General** for an **opinion** to see if **the State believes** that **as** it is **presently goes** against what is the traditional role of a **Professional Engineer** and **is** more the **traditional** role of a **Professional Land Surveyor**

### Education

There was a **C.S.T.** review at Gloucester County Community College; also **mentioned**, **the** 2004 winner of the National Trig-Star Program was from New Jersey.

### Digital Submissions

Digital Submissions to the DEP and DOT were discussed. These digital submissions would print seal with the title block and a digital signature. Bill Beardsley asked for opinions and ideas on how to make it legal.

- PLSANJ discussion on the topic:
  - Dennis questioned how far your responsibilities go if the file is in a digital format and what can you legally expect to happen with a Digital Submission
  - Jeff asked about the proposed format of the Digital Submission (DGN or TIFF?) noting that a DGN or DWG could be easily manipulated.



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- Dawn noted that the Division of Taxation is also discussing Digital Submissions of Tax Maps in a CAD form

## Surv Con05

Dennis noted that there were 527 people registered for this year's conference and it looks like it will be a little smaller than last year. It was noted that there were videos taken of previous conferences classes. The cost to produce the videos was between \$12,000 and 15,000 and to date they have sold enough copies to pay for this cost, and therefore there are thought to do this again in the future.

Other conference notes:

- The exhibit floor is oversold.
- The Hotel is sold out.
- NJSPLS is looking for volunteers to help during the conference.

The Finance Committee is working on the Budget.

The Website Committee is working on updating the website.

The Education Committee is working on guidelines for receiving scholarships.

RJ relayed a question from Jake about if NJSPLS was still looking into purchasing the building. It was stated that Bruce Blair is the chair of that committee and there was no report.

Tellers Report was given by Lew Conley (See enclosed report).

## **Other Topics of Discussions:**

### Prevailing Wages

Fred noted that a Northern Surveyor was asked to perform a job and was not sure if Prevailing wage were required or should be expected. Then there was a discussion about other surveyors that kept two sets of books to account for what happened vs what was supposed to happen. It was noted that if prevailing wage are not paid the surveyor can be turned in and an increasing amount of municipalities are beginning to be aware of prevailing wage and are requiring their work to be certified for prevailing wage and noting it in the RFP. Then it was noted that due to this trend many surveyors are



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beginning to call their services “Professional Services” to avoid paying their crews prevailing wages.

## Baselines

Fred discussed the Pole Farm. He would like a letter to thank the newly appointed Engineer Greg Sandusky. It took three years to get that baseline in. The Pole Farm is in Lawrence Greenway. It is a passive greenway by the soccer fields. The engineer wrote many letters for funding and approval. The area is swampy and there is no driving. There is a radio flying club that currently uses the area but people are complaining that they are too noisy and disturbing the birds. This is a hot issue for the County.

Four other baselines are in. 1—Rte 54 Junction in the pinelands. 2—Rte.614 in Lacey Township near Bamber Lake. 3—Allair and Monmouth. The people in North Jersey are complaining that there is nothing up near them. However they've looked at a DOT airport and it was all rock.

There is an attempt to resurrect the Mercer Baseline. No one has cleaned the site in 30 years.

Note that all monuments need to be in the ground soon because of the freeze-thaw cycle requirement.

There is an issue with a Geodetic Monument in Camden County. They are trying to charge \$100 to sit on it. Someone from Maryland got thrown off. The National Spatial Referencing Network must be available to all.

The effort to expand the number of baselines is continuing. There are plans to have 12 GPS units in the field. 6 DOT and 6 TWT.

## PE and Topo Survey

There has been an email circulating about a PE that went before the board with a topo survey and wants to change the law. The law died in committee and the state board refuses to hear him. He is getting more PEs behind him to resurrect this issue. Right now a Surveyor has to show existing conditions but his argument is once a boundary has been established the PE should be able to take it from there.

- Max noted that he has this kind of an issue with a PE regarding a pool that was placed on one of his plans.



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## Questions

Fred noted that PE had National Engineers Week and inquired about a National Surveyors Week. It was noted that National Surveyors Month is September.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Website

We have 2 paid maintenance cycles and then we need to decide what we want to do. Continue on the every other month cycles at \$55/cycle. Fred didn't think that was often enough. Dawn will get a quote for unlimited maintenance (not to exceed 3x a month). Other issues that were discussed was what software was used to develop the website...someone might be able to maintain it on our end. Dawn noted that it is hard enough to get people to come to meetings, who is going to be committed enough to update the website as often as it should be. A suggestion was made to also get a price for finishing out the year on the same maintenance cycle as we currently are.

Other notes: Many people have been saying how nice the website is. We have a good hit rate and people are book marking things like Fred's Corner. West Jersey would like have the information on our webmaster.

### GIS

- New Jersey Geospatial Forum
  - Next meeting March 18, 2005
  - Meeting was December 3, 2004
    - Official Introduction of the Task Group Leaders and Task Groups Report
    - Lou Marchuck brought up the issue of the 05 readjustment of the NAD83 Datum and renaming it NAD05.
      - This caused much discussion about what this means and how Ground vs Grid affects GIS
  - Parcel Task Force
    - The Grid to Ground Presentation was pushed to my Task Force but after more research I realized that it would be better suited for the Geodetic Task Force
      - I was leaning towards a panel so it would not be a one sided presentation by Jessy KKOzłowski of TWT
      - That meeting of the Geodetic group (only Jesse) will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1PM
    - Meeting January 13th
      - Up date from Peter Borbus on where the Division of Taxation and NJSPLS is with Digital Tax Map standards



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- I am to right a letter of support
- Moving Forward on the Parcel Survey and Digital Tax Map Survey
- Working on a Database design for the entire state to use to map the existence of parcels at different scales
- NJSPLS GIS Sub-Committee meeting
  - We did not have a meeting last quarter
- Conferences/Events
  - NJ League of Municipalities
    - There were many GIS classes for attendants
  - GIS Day was held at
    - Bucks County
    - Burlington
    - And some other locations
  - PA GIS Town Meetings
    - The 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of the PA Standards Document is evolving
    - There were discussions on the positives and negatives on each of the items
      - <http://www.oit.state.pa.us/bgt/site/default.asp>
      - Next Meeting in March
- IMAP
  - I attended a session on IMAP and I think that it may be useful for many of you
    - If you go right to the NJ DEP GIS home page there are 4 versions that you can use
      - <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/>
- NJ GIS Users Groups
  - Northern
    - December 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - Central
    - No activity
  - Southern
    - Next meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> the same day as NJSPLS Conference
- NJSPLS Conference
  - I will be co-teaching Workshop # 17
  - And Exhibiting so you guys should come and Visit (PLSLS Also)

## **Old Business:**

None.

## **New Business:**

### Meeting Attendance

Dennis discussed changing the meetings to every other month as a way to increase attendance. Also in an effort to increase attendance we are looking for interesting topics for meetings. Please submit ideas to Dennis.



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It was noted that the same discussion about membership is being had at NJSPLS. Most chapters are reporting low attendance.

Dawn noted that both Bucks and West Jersey has expressed an interest in joint meetings.

## Members

We now have a roster on the website. There are people on it that are not on our official roster. How long should we carry old members? It was a consensus to carry members for 2 years before we remove them from the roster.

## Salem Co Health Department

Salem Co Health Department has sent around a letter regarding “Septic Code” policies. See attached letter

## PLSANJ Yearly Meetings

Tuesday March 22, 2005 – Joint Meeting with Bucks

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Christmas Party in December

## **Good and Welfare:**

None

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Dawn Hunter*

Dawn F. Hunter, GISP