

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 25, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

Dan Hilferty	Chair
Stacey Mulholland	Vice Chair
Nick Lykon	Secretary
Jonathan Reiss, Esq.	Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, P.E.	Township Engineer

Absent:

Brian Trymbiski	Treasurer
Frank Froio	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carolyn McCreary	Township Manager

Mr. Hilferty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Veterans Ad Hoc Committee meets on July 26. The Emergency Services Management Committee meeting scheduled for July 27 has been cancelled and rescheduled to August 10. The Board of Supervisors Worksession Scheduled for July 27 is cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Pasicznyk, 4923 Silo Hill Road, read a letter he had written concerning his continued opposition to the proposed Metropolitan Development residential developments on the Urich and Lisbon tracts, citing the Township's ordinances requiring two public accesses into the development, development within the VR District requiring design to be reflective of the village area. He asked them to not permit variances from the ordinances, and to have Metropolitan follow the ordinances he referenced.

PRESENTATION: C. Robert Wynn P.E., C. Robert Wynn and Associates

Mr. Hilferty stated that the Township is under regulations promulgated by the EPA, and enforced by PADEP to control stormwater flow and the amount of sediment found in the stormwater. He noted that the basins throughout the Township were installed as a result of these regulations when various subdivisions were constructed. Mr. Wynn identified the types of stormwater systems, noting the Municipal Separate Storm sewer Systems (MS4) program began in 2003, with a 5-year period that was administratively extended to 2013 which imposed certain regulations, early mapping, and notification to residents. He noted it was extended because of pending litigation. In 2013 the second five-year period began, and since the Township has more than 10,000 residents and an Urban Area with more than 1,000 residents, it is required to follow new regulations. The current five year period ends March 15, 2018 and the Township has to submit a notice of intent with PADEP that the Township will comply with the requirements as set forth by PADEP and approved by EPA. Mr. Wynn stated that this time the Township must include a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) document to reduce sediment pollution by 10% in identified impaired waters in Urban Areas including the Neshaminy Creek Pine Run and part of the Tohickon South watershed, or that convey water to an impaired watershed within 5 miles. He identified the work that his office had done to date for this permit, and what remedies the Township could pursue to reduce the sediment as required. Mr. Wynn stated that since PADEP has indicated that they will likely engage in discussions concerning the PRP he did not offer what remedies the Township will pursue. Mr. Lykon indicated that the EAC had discussed stormwater

management with an idea of reducing or eliminating the mowing of basins in the Country Green Subdivision, and develop a manure management program with the County Conservation District as a way to reduce sediment. Mr. Wynn advised the Board that the purpose of this information was to serve as an introduction to the upcoming process of submitting the documents to PADEP by September 17 after a 30 day public comment period which is required to commence not less than 45 days prior to the submission. The PRP will need to be advertised and available for public inspection, and then presented to the Board for adoption at their September 12 public meeting. Any written comment must be responded to by the Township and submitted with the PRP. The Board also discussed their ability to develop a fee to be used towards future stormwater management projects to reduce sediment, how it would be calculated and if it would be by district or Township-wide. Mr. Wynn stated there would be no construction costs planned for 2018, as only the final progress report for the current permit period is due in May, 2018. **Motion** by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lykon to authorize advertisement of the revised draft Pollution Reduction Plan and allow for public comment at the August 8 public meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT, Jonathan Reiss, Esq.

- 1. Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance Amendment:** Mr. Reiss presented a draft of an ordinance that would reference the Township’s Master Trail Plan and require applicants to show if there any proposed trails are in the area of their property. The Township Engineer had reviewed it, and noted there is no definition for sidewalk in the ordinance. It currently refers to a pedestrian walkway, and for consistency he is recommending it be changed to sidewalk. The Bucks County Planning Commission reviewed it and has no comment. The Chairman of the Township’s Planning Commission noted that the term trail is not in the ordinance, but Mr. Reiss stated since the term is not used in the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance and referenced in the trail plan he does not believe it is needed in the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance itself. **Motion** by Mr. Lykon seconded by Ms. Mulholland to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinance amendment. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0.

DEPARTMENT AND FIRE COMPANY REPORTS: On File

COMMITTEE MINUTES: On file

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

- 1. BCATO Resolution:** The Board reviewed the details of Resolution 2017-15, which if adopted would record the Township’s opposition to Senate Bill 663 and House Bill 1469. Ms. Mulholland reviewed the details of the two bills and the Township’s history with adopting the UCC and using a third-party inspector. She stated these two bills would require the municipality to have information available on two other firms, and the Township would have no say or oversight on the quality of their inspections or fees which is why the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) is opposing it. She indicated that other municipalities are also considering this resolution at their next meetings. **Motion** by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lykon to adopt Resolution 2017-15. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the bills list dated 07/25/17 and addendum dated 07/18/17 subject to audit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - \$158,400.29 and addendum of \$615.60, Water Fund - \$73,956.19, Local Services Tax Fund - \$3.63, Emergency Services

Fund - \$15,147.87, Capital Reserve Fund - \$2,658.00, Open Space Fund - \$15.50, State Liquid Fuels - \$6,852.02, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$6,990.88, Construction Escrow Fund - \$4,200.00, Zoning Hearing Board Escrow - \$632.30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Mulholland seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the minutes of the 07/11/17 public meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

TAP Grant: Mr. Lykon advised the Board that he attended the Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee meeting last month and learned of the opportunity to apply for a TAP grant, which is due September 1. He stated while it is a two page application, he believes the Township will need help with the submission. He stated that the funding becomes available every two years, and this cycle there is a lot more funding available. He stated that the construction and project management is covered, and the match is the design and engineering costs that the Township would incur to get the project to bid. Trail Steering Subcommittee had identified two possible projects. The first is to connect the trail along Gordon Road from Hanusey Park to Patriots Ridge along Sawmill Road to Route 313 to the Cross Keys Shopping Center. He stated there may be a bridge needed to go over the Culvert. The soft cap is \$1 million for a project. The other project would be continuing what was done at Owls Nest Park and connecting it to the mobile home park (Arbor Estates) by crossing Route 611, going out the back of the mobile home park, across Old Easton Road, crossing into Tohickon Middle School, and continuing to Gayman Elementary School. This may involve obtaining easements from two or three property owners. He noted the schools use these routes as emergency evacuation routes. He stated the manager of the mobile home park supports the plan, but needs to get approval from the owners. He stated seeing if the Township would be able to get these easements would be the first step with both plans being presented to Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to see which would be more successful. Mr. Lykon stated he is not seeking Board action, but wants them to know what the Committee is recommending. He indicated he does not have prices for the grant assistance at this time.

Patriots Ridge Connector Trail Easement: Mr. Lykon stated that the Patriot's Ridge Condominium Association has indicated they would like to see the connector from Hanusey Park, and also their looped path included in this. They expressed interest in providing an easement to the Township to facilitate this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lykon to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

Date Approved