

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

Brian Trymbiski

Chair

Nick Lykon

Secretary

Dan Hilferty

Treasurer

Darren Carroll

Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Carolyn McCreary

Township Manager

Absent:

Peter Busillo

Vice Chair

Mr. Trymbiski 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 EAC meets on July 10. The Historic Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for July 15 is cancelled. The Planning Commission meets on July 18.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Simkins, Silo Hill Road, spoke to the Board about the ordinance which would require him to pave the farm/field access he recently made improvements to, stating it will only be used for farm equipment and a thoroughfare to the property he recently purchased on Worthington Road. He stated he understands the Township's desire to be consistent, but is seeking a waiver because of the described proposed uses for the access. Ms. McCreary shared photos of the access and an access point on the other side of Silo Hill Road, reminding the Board this request was brought before them at their last public meeting. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the waiver and return the escrow for the road opening permit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Don Mikes, 5509 Haverhill Lane, spoke to the Board about the dead trees in Township open space that were taken down and left to decompose. He stated he contacted the Township about the trees in early 2018 and they were removed in November along with other trees in the area. He stated he does not like the way the area was left or how it now looks with the dead trees laying there. Mr. Lykon spoke about the rationale for leaving trees to decompose in the open space. Joan Summers, 5513 Haverhill Lane, spoke about the trees left in the open space and the possibility of them lowering property values. She noted she feels the area is dangerous for children playing in the area and she spoke to State Senator Santarsiero and Rep. Wendy Ullman's office about this along with the State Department for Conservation and Natural Resources. She referenced the Emerald Ash Borer disease, noting treatments and options, and stated DCNR will be visiting the Windtree subdivision to assess the trees. Mr. Trymbiski commented on the cost to take down and removal trees throughout the Township if the Board were to agree to do this in Windtree. He stated there is no consensus among the Board to do this.

Barbara Davis, 5401 Curly Hill Road, spoke to the Board about the fireworks laws and complained of someone shooting them for three consecutive hours on July 6. She stated she believes there are no Township rules governing this and Doylestown Township has laws in place. The Board asked Ms. McCreary to speak to the Solicitor to determine if in fact the Township can put laws in place other than what currently exist, which cover professional displays.

Olympia Pasicznyk, 4923 Silo Hill Rd., asked the Board if there was anything new being planned for the property near her owned by Metropolitan Development because she saw surveyors near the boundary lines.

INTRODUCTION: Rishi Vaidyanath was introduced to the Board by Ms. McCreary, who noted that since he is a high school student she checked with the Solicitor's office to ensure there was no prohibition with him being considered for serving on the Township's EAC. Ms. McCreary stated Tovah Karl, Chair of the EAC was present and first brought this to the Township's attention, noting Rishi's attendance at all meetings and participation in the annual tree planting and electronics recycling events. The Board thanked Rishi for his interest in serving on the Committee, with Mr. Lykon recalling his presence at meetings when he served as the Board liaison for the EAC. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Lykon to appoint Rishi Vaidyanath to the EAC. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

- 1. Authorization Voucher-Fred Beans Subaru:** Ms. McCreary presented authorization voucher no. 1 dated 06/24/19 in the amount of \$118,502.10 for site lighting and amended soils in the rear of the lot. She noted the request has been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the authorization voucher. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.
- 2. Multi Modal transportation Fund Grant Agreement:** Ms. McCreary presented the grant agreement for approval and signature by the Chairman, noting both she and the Township Solicitor had reviewed the details concerning the Township's obligations. She reminded the Board these grant funds will be used to make improvements to the intersection of the Plumsteadville Wawa and Plumstead Square Shopping Center. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the Township. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.
- 3. Camp Plumstead:** Ms. McCreary reported there are 90 children signed up for this year's camp, which will begin on Monday, July 15 and is being held at Hanusey Park.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the bills list and addendum dated 07/09/19 subject to audit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - \$172,767.98 and addendum \$5,053.60, Water Fund - \$29,827.15, State Liquid Fuels - \$1,274.86, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$18,097.59, Construction Escrow Fund - \$250.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hilferty to approve the minutes of the 06/25/19. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance - Plastic Bags Prohibition: Ms. McCreary informed the Board Governor Wolf has signed legislation barring Pennsylvania municipalities from taxing or banning the sale or distribution of plastic bags and other containers for one year while legislative agencies study the economic and environmental impact.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tohickon Creek: Ms. McCreary asked the Board if they had an opportunity to review the documentation sent to them by Rep. Ullman concerning PADEP’s proposed designation for the creek. She stated PADEP was asked to consider raising the designation to exceptional water

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hilferty to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

Date Approved