

## WORK SESSION

January 17, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the January 17, 2017 Supervisors' meeting. Board Chair Melissa M. Weber was present with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, Adam D. Zucker, and Frederick R. Conner. Also present were Township Solicitor Robert J. Iannozzi, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael J. Richino.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, Conditional Use application #CU33-16, a Proclamation for the Pennsylvania One Call System, approval of the January 3, 2017 minutes, the November 2016 Treasurer's Report, release of funds, Resolution No. 1155, Change Order #2 with Eastern Earth Movers, to piggyback contracts with various services for the purchase of materials and supplies or the disposal of Township property, to extend the 2015 Road Resurfacing program for one year, to extend the 2016 Bagged Leaf Collection and the 2016 Leaf Waste Collection for one year and the January Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by informing the Board that Officer Will Becker has been hired by another law enforcement agency and will be leaving the Township in February.

The next topic discussed was a listing of upcoming events, including:

- Breast Cancer Screening – March 16 – State Representative Mary Jo Daley's Office (appointments needed)
- Earth Day – April 20 – Prophecy Creek Manor House

Mr. Pronczak informed the Board that John Casani has resigned from the Park & Open Space Board and accepted an appointment to the Shade Tree Commission.

The last topic discussed at the work session meeting was an update on the BoRit Superfund Site in West Ambler. Earlier this month, a meeting was held at the American Legion post where an independent analyst hired by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updated residents on EPA's efforts to remediate the site. There was a large turnout for this meeting and attendees asked a number of constructive questions. This

was followed by another meeting that was hosted by EPA at Ambler Borough Hall where EPA's proposed Remedial Action Plan was discussed. Turnout was also strong for this meeting and once again attendees asked a number of constructive questions.

When discussion on this topic ended at 7:41 p.m., Supervisors met in executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation and a personnel matter. When the executive session ended at 8:00 p.m., Supervisors left for the public meeting.



David J. Mrochko  
Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chair Melissa Murphy Weber, along with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner, Jr. and Adam D. Zucker were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Assistant Township Manager, David J. Mrochko, Solicitor Robert J. Iannozzi, Esq., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael J. Richino, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker was absent. There were approximately 75 members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chair Weber, who welcomed everyone.

Tonight's Mission Moment centered on youth sports. Chair Weber explained that the Township's Mission, Vision, Values statement guides the Board in its every-day responsibilities. Part of the Mission Statement is to enhance the quality of life and building value. Addressing the children, Chair Weber remarked that throughout the season, and with the guidance of the coaches and parents, participation in team sports builds character, sportsmanship, and teamwork. What you are learning through team sports is critical to your development. With Proclamations read and presented to each group, members of WRA's U10 Girls Travel Soccer Team were honored for their successful season, winning the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Select Tournament through the Langhorne Neshaminy United Soccer Club, and the Ambler-Whitpain Trojans for winning the 55-lb. weight category of the 2016 Turkey Bowl.

Chair Weber noted that the Board met in executive session prior to the public meeting.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Conditional Use Application #CU33-16, Albert Einstein Healthcare Network d/b/a Einstein Healthcare Network for approval to install five new signs on the property located at 676 DeKalb Pike in Unit 3 of the Village Square at Blue Bell Condominium Suites 101-105; 201-206, within the Township's VC-Village Commercial District. These five signs include one façade sign, three accessory/directional signs, and one double-sided monument sign of 15 sq. ft. with a height of five feet. In addition to the proposed five new signs, Applicant is requesting to be added as a listing on the changeable digital message sign located on the property. In order to facilitate the proposed signage, Applicant is seeking conditional use relief under Section 160-130(C)(2) [Sign Regulations]. The requested conditional use relief, if granted, will permit Applicant to install the proposed signs on the property, as well as be included in the listing on the changeable digital message sign on the property.

A Court Reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript of the hearing will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to approve Conditional Use Application #CU33-16 as presented. There was no additional discussion. Chair Weber noted that the motion carried, with the understanding that the Solicitor will prepare the formal decision. Mr. Iannozzi remarked that a formal decision, consistent with the Board approval, will be rendered within 45 days, subject to the presentation this evening. Messrs. Conner and Zucker welcomed Einstein to Whitpain and wished them well.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to pass a Proclamation for the PA One Call System, honoring its 45 years of service. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting of January 3, 2017. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Conner to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. confirming the release of \$90,655.90 (Release #1) from the escrow fund for Scarlet Fox Subdivision/Land Development located at 711 Cathcart Road;
- b. confirming the release of \$19,056.23 (Release #2) from the escrow fund for the 298 Norristown Road Land Development project;
- c. authorizing the final release of all remaining funds for the Wings Field Grading and Fill Placement project located at 1501 Narcissa Road. As per the Land Development Agreement between Whitpain Township, Walsh Construction Company and Wings Field Preservation Associates, LP, this authorizes the final release of the posted Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Surety Bond (#100900200-2011-74) and Bank of America Letter of Credit (#3118193).

Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to pass Resolution No. 1155 to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision plans titled "350 Skippack Pike Subdivision", sheets C-1 and C-2, prepared by Alta Design Associates, plans last revised on December 23, 2016 in accordance with Section 509(b) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code conditioned upon resolution of items in the review letter from the Township Engineer Dated October 28, 2016. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to approve Change Order #2 between Whitpain Township and Eastern Earth Movers for additional work to be done on the Core Phase Trail Connector Project in the amount of \$20,450. This work will include the installation of approximately 32 LF of additional concrete boardwalk across a small creek, cutting in a switchback on a steep bank for pedestrian safety and repairing existing stepping stones along the trail route. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. authorize Whitpain Township to piggyback the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities and/or any individual Consortium municipality for the purchase of materials and supplies they bid in 2017. This motion will allow the same communities to piggyback Whitpain Township bids in 2017;
- b. authorize Whitpain Township to piggyback the PA General Services Contract Program (Costars) for 2017. This will include the purchase of highway materials, vehicles and supplies, as needed;
- c. piggyback the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) contract for the calendar year 2017;
- d. authorize Whitpain Township to piggyback The Inter-local Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract for the calendar year 2017;
- e. piggyback the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for cooperative purchases for 2017;
- f. authorize Whitpain Township to dispose of Township personal property by public auction for the calendar year 2017, utilizing JJ Kane Auctioneers, Municibid, or Pennbid (the on-line auction service of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania). This will also allow the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities and/or any individual Consortium municipality to piggyback our signed contract with either service.

Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize Whitpain Township to extend the 2015 Road Resurfacing Program, including Novachip, Ralumac, Ultra-Thin Lift Friction Course Paving, Crack Sealing and Polypatch, for one additional year, per the contract terms. This motion will also allow the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities and/or any individual Consortium municipality to piggy back our signed contract with either service for the calendar year of 2017. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize the Township Manager to extend the 2016 Bagged Leaf Collection and the 2016 Leaf Waste Collection bid for one additional year as per the options of the current contract. This contract is with Republic Services and will cover the 2017 calendar year. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board applications scheduled to be heard January 19, 2017:

#2095-16 Karya Properties, LLC  
#2098-16 Hugh Barry Sheridan  
#2099-16 Toll Brothers, Inc.  
#2100-16 KenCrest Services\*

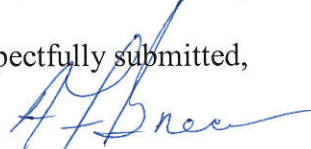
\*Mr. Zucker recused himself from the vote for this application due to a conflict of interest.

The Planning Commission reviewed these applications on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Chair Weber turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman for public comment. Vice-Chair Wollman asked if any member of the audience had public comment. There was none. Vice-Chair Wollman asked if any member of the Board wished to discuss old or new business. Mr. Zucker noted the passing of Astronaut Gene Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17 who was the last surviving astronaut to walk on the moon. He added that he was privileged to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast sponsored by the Ambler American Legion. Mr. Conner was instrumental in organizing the event, which is conducted to aid youth with the Daniel Dowling scholarship funds. There were approximately 400 people in attendance; great fellowship was shared by all, giving hope for the future through science, that Mr. Cernan was not the last man to walk on the moon. Mr. Conner thanked Mr. Zucker and the staff who assisted, noting this great event will be replicated next year. Vice-Chair Wollman asked if there were any additional comments. Mr. Conner revisited the approval of Resolution No. 1155, complimenting the staff who worked with the owners and neighbors of 350 Skippack Pike. It was a bit of a contentious issue, though it had a good outcome. The approval allows for maintaining two of the oldest, historic properties in the Township with permitted use, and it is within the framework of historic preservation. Vice-Chair Wollman called for any additional comments. Mr. Pronczak stated that we honor Mr. Cernan with a street named after him in the Mews subdivision.

With no additional comments or discussion, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Anthony F. Greco  
Secretary