

WORK SESSION

May 17, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 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 May 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 Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, the Consent Agenda including approval of the May 2, 2017 minutes, authorization to advertise Ordinances #4-245 and #4-246, three Pillar Agreements, and the acknowledgement of services between the Township Solicitor and Land Concepts Group regarding a matter of potential litigation. The Board also reviewed the May Zoning Hearing Board cases.

After reviewing the agenda for the public meeting, the Supervisors discussed a listing of upcoming events, including:

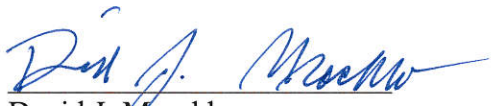
- Whitpain Recreation Association Soccer Tournament – May 20 – Centre Square Park
- Whitpain Parks and Recreation Department; Centre Square Fire Company; and Whitpain Police Association Golf Outing – June 26 – Blue Bell Country Club
- Big Rig Round-Up – Wentz Run Park – July 14 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Community Festival – September 23 – starts at 11:00 a.m. and fireworks begin at 8:00 p.m. (one hour earlier this year)

The next topic discussed was a reminder that a table top exercise for department heads and emergency management personnel will be held on June 8, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This exercise focuses on access and functional needs. A separate training for elected officials from throughout Montgomery County will also be held at the Whitpain Township Building on May 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This training is titled, an Overview of Incident Command and Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting with a report on the recently held business breakfast. There were roughly 50 attendees and the Township has received positive verbal feedback on the event from various attendees. Mr. Mrochko will create an online survey to obtain more formal feedback on the event.

Mr. Pronczak concluded the meeting with news that the Township was recently awarded two grants. The first grant discussed was a Green Light Go grant in the amount of \$79,578. This grant will be used for traffic signal equipment upgrades at Skippack and Penllyn-Blue Bell Pikes. The second grant, a Montco 2040 grant in the amount of \$108,000, was awarded for pedestrian safety at the Five Points intersection.

When discussion on this topic ended at 7:55 p.m., Supervisors met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. When the executive session meeting ended at 7:59 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 Wednesday, May 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., Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione was absent. There were 25 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 those in attendance. As per tradition, the meeting began with the Mission Moment. Chair Weber noted that our first recognition of the evening goes to those who are not able to be in attendance because they are out in the street. This week is National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, honoring emergency medical service providers who are both volunteer and paid responders. The theme of the week is EMS for Children. There is a specialized heightened sense of response and care needed for children. Many of the EMTs and Paramedics have two full-time jobs since they are not paid very well as EMS providers. It is a taxing job for families. We should thank anyone who serves in the EMS world as we recognize May 21-27, 2017 as National EMS Week.

Chair Weber then turned the meeting over to Mr. Zucker for the second Mission Moment of honoring a new Eagle Scout. Chair Weber confirmed that Mr. Zucker is himself an Eagle Scout, and she wants the young people in the audience to see how many hats can be worn, and how many doors can be opened, for those to attain Eagle Scout Status. Mr. Zucker said it is his honor to highlight this segment. We honor Eagle Scout Chris Petko, a Whitpain Township resident and member of Troop 117 in Plymouth Meeting. His project is a trail marker identification system that will provide trail users the name of the trail they are on, as well as where they are on the trail. The purpose of the markers is to determine where a person is on a trail, how far a person has traveled on the trail, and also serve as an identification for emergency service responders. Chris designed, mapped and installed the trail markers for all trails in Whitpain Township with a volunteer crew of 30 people. We are grateful for the work he has done. Resolution No. 1176 was then read by Mr. Zucker.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Chair Weber to pass Resolution No. 1176. The Resolution was presented to Chris Petko in honor of his project.

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

- a. the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting
- b. authorization to advertise Ordinance #4-245, an Ordinance amending the Township's Zoning Ordinance by amending (1) Article IX, Section 160-119 [C-Commercial Districts/Use Regulations] to permit as a permitted use in the C-Commercial Districts the dispensing of medical marijuana by dispensary as defined by the Medical Marijuana Act; and (2) Article XXII, Section 160-142 [I-Limited Industrial Districts/Use Regulations] to permit as a permitted use in the I-Limited Industrial Districts the growing and processing of medical marijuana by a grower/processor as defined by the Medical Marijuana Act.
- c. authorization to advertise Ordinance #4-246, an Ordinance amending Chapter 160, Section 160-7 and 160-221 of the Code of the Township of Whitpain (also known as the Zoning Ordinance of Whitpain Township), for the purposes of defining "Extended Day Care Center" and to permit extended day care center in the R-1 Residence District pursuant to certain regulations and standards.
- d. authorization for the Chair and Secretary to sign on behalf of the Township, a Pillar Agreement between Jesse A. Klein, owner of the parcel located at 41 Red Oak Drive, the Wickerfield Estates Homeowners Association and Whitpain Township. This agreement will permit the installation of a fence within the thoroughfare easement located along Stenton Avenue, on the condition that the fence will be removed if any future road widening, repair or excavation is necessary.
- e. authorization for the Chair and Secretary to sign on behalf of the Township, a Pillar Agreement between Gerald A. Fasano and Patricia J. Fasano, owners of the parcel located at 1795 Wickerfield Drive, the Wickerfield Estates Homeowners Association and Whitpain Township. This agreement will permit the installation of a fence within the thoroughfare easement located along Stenton Avenue, on the condition that the fence will be removed if any future road widening, repair or excavation is necessary.
- f. authorization for the Chair and Secretary to sign on behalf of the Township, a Pillar Agreement between John and Holly Whytosek, owners of the parcel located at 50 Red Oak Drive, the Wickerfield Estates Homeowners Association and Whitpain Township. This agreement will permit the installation of a fence within the thoroughfare easement located along Stenton Avenue, on the condition that the fence will be removed if any future road widening, repair or excavation is necessary.

- g. acknowledge that the Township Solicitor will retain the services of Land Concepts Group for purposes of providing information and expert advice and/or testimony on a matter of currently identified potential litigation. The services of Land Concepts Group will be paid for by the Township.

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

A presentation was made by Arthur Herling, III, of ABP Investments, Inc., regarding Zoning Hearing Application No. 2115-17, for the properties 300-302 W. Maple Avenue, scheduled to be heard on May 18, 2017. Mr. Herling showed photos of the current non-conforming use property and the planned layout of his proposal, which includes demolition of the current structures and the construction of five two-bedroom, two and one-half bath units with full basements and porches. There will be five designated off-street parking spaces, with the current parking on Oak Street to be utilized as well. With this construction, there will be no change in impact, but in order to be an economically viable project, he must be able to build five units. He will include soft buffers around the parking spaces. He has the broad support of the local community. Upon the conclusion of the presentation, the Board agreed that the Zoning Hearing Board will make the right decision based on its judicial responsibilities, and all wished Mr. Herling well.

The Board of Supervisors took no action on the Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard May 18, 2017:

#2113-17	Charles Giamo
#2114-17	Fred L. and Jessica A. Massanova
#2115-17	ABP Investments, Inc.
#2116-17	Stephen and Katherine Jackson
#2117-17	John and Diana Miller

Chair Weber turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman who asked if there was any public comment. Dana Hasness, representing Senator Daylin Leach, said the Senator will be hosting upcoming events including Veterans' ID scheduled for June 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lower Merion Township building, a Town Hall meeting scheduled for June 7th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wissahickon Valley Public Library on Skippack Pike, and Alex's Lemonade Stand at the Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr on June 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other gatherings will be scheduled at the end of the summer. There were no additional public comments and Mr. Wollman asked if the Board had any comments.

Mr. Conner highlighted the two meetings held earlier in the evening, including one with the Comprehensive Plan Committee. We are one year into the Comprehensive Plan and this meeting was productive in that we continue to move forward with a top priority of walkability improvement. The Board also held a joint meeting with the Elected Auditors. We received great news from the Township's Auditor noting we are in a sound, positive financial position. Chair Weber added that only 25 municipalities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have a comprehensive annual financial report prepared. Per our Mission

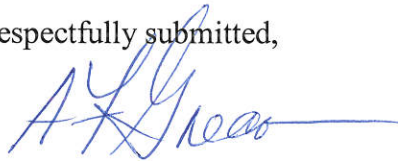
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Statement, we value financial stewardship and transparency as we engage in our duties. The work that Finance Director Chris Bauman and staff has put into it, is a job well done.

Chair Weber noted that the Board met in executive session prior to the public meeting to discuss a personnel matter, and with those discussions concluded, there will be no further business by the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Zucker and seconded by Mr. Greco, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary

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