

WORK SESSION

August 15, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 August 15, 2017 Supervisors' meeting. Board Chair Melissa M. Weber was present with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, and Frederick R. Conner. Supervisor Adam D. Zucker was absent. 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 Lieutenant Jeff Franck, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, and Assistant Zoning Officer William H. McManus. One member of the public was also present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moments, Ordinance No. 4-246, the Consent Agenda including approval of the July 18th meeting minutes, the July Voucher List, the June Treasurer's Report, authorization to proceed with engineering services for the Wissahickon Creek Flood Mitigation Project, the reconstruction of Yost Road Bridge, and the relocation of sanitary sewer facilities during the upcoming PennDOT Projects, advertising Ordinance No. 361, approval of Resolutions #1182 through 1185, award of contracts for the Village of Oxford Connector Trail and the Police Department Cell Door Project, a waiver request, an offer from PennDOT for purchase of property and temporary construction easement, accept the resignation of a Planning Commission member, adoption of policy regarding Township community events and the August Zoning Hearing Board cases.

After reviewing the agenda for the public meeting, the Supervisors met in executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation from 7:51 p.m. until 7:59 p.m. When the executive session ended, the Supervisors left for the public meeting. When the public meeting ended, the Supervisors resumed the work session meeting at 9:15 p.m. and discussed a listing of upcoming events, including:

- Drive-In Movie Beauty and the Beast – September 18 – Dusk
- 27th Annual Wings 'n Wheels – September 9 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Boys & Girls Club Grand Opening – September 6 – 5:00 p.m.
- WRA Soccer Opening Day Parade – September 9 – This event has been cancelled
- Community Festival – September 23 – starts at 11:00 a.m. and fireworks begin at 8:00 p.m. (one hour earlier this year)

After reviewing the listing of upcoming events, Mr. Pronczak noted a typo in the proposed budget calendar, as the first public hearing on the proposed 2018 Budget will occur on November 21 and not on November 14. This typo will be corrected moving forward.

The meeting continued with discussions on the Strategic Planning Session set for late September. After reviewing a number of proposed dates, the Supervisors agreed that the afternoon of September 29 is the best available date for the session.

The last topic discussed at the work session meeting was the informational presentation planned by Hawthorn Retirement Group and Columbia/Wegman Acquisitions. These groups will present an informal introductory presentation regarding a potential land development proposal on the south side of Skippack Pike and Meehan Boulevard in front of Whitpain Hills at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting this Tuesday, September 5 at 8 p.m. The public and members of the Township's Planning Commission are encouraged to attend.

When discussion on this topic ended at 9:30 p.m., Supervisors adjourned the work session 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, August 15, 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, and Frederick R. Conner, Jr. were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Police Lt. Jeffrey Franck, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Zoning Officer William McManus, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, a Court Reporter and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Supervisor Adam D. Zucker, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson and Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew were absent. There were 20 members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chair Weber who welcomed those in attendance.

As is customary, each meeting of the Board of Supervisors begins with a Mission Moment. Tonight there are three. Chair Weber shared that we as a Township recognize those in the community who meet our Mission, Vision, Values Statement.

Vice-Chair Wollman acknowledged the first of tonight's honorees, Josephine and Theodore Risnychok, owners of the Country Flower Shoppe, and also highlighted their various charitable activities within the community. Not many can say they have been a part of the Whitpain business community for 50 years, and we celebrate the Risnychoks for that. Vice-Chair Wollman read a Proclamation and it was presented to them. Mrs. Risnychok thanked everyone and said the community has been great to them.

Chair Weber then spoke of how the Board has honored young men who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Tonight, we honor a young lady who has achieved Gold Scout status after 13 years in Girl Scouting. As part of her project, Sanjna Shelukar developed a seat belt cushion for the comfort of those receiving treatment for breast cancer. Ms. Shelukar explained how the project idea was developed, and how she followed through. Chair Weber read Resolution No. 1185 and it was presented to Ms. Shelukar.

Mr. Conner followed with addressing the egregious news events that occurred over the past weekend in Charlottesville, VA. He read Resolution No. 1186, relating to rights and liberty. A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Chair Weber to pass Resolution No. 1186, along with Resolution No. 1185. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 4-246, an Ordinance amending the (1) Township Zoning Map providing for an "Extended Day Care Center Overlay Option" on certain land located in the R-1 Residence Zoning District, further identified as tax parcel numbers 66-00-07771-00-2 and 66-00-07774-00-8; and (2) the Township's Zoning Ordinance by amending (i) Article II, Section 160-7(B) [Definitions/Word Usage and Definitions/Definitions] to include a definition for "Extended Day Care Center" as a defined term; (ii) Article V, Section 160-13 [R-1 Residence Districts/Use Regulations] to provide for extended day care center as a permitted use in the R-1 Residence District pursuant to certain regulations; and (iii) Article XXVIII [General Provisions] to add Section 160-220.1 setting forth compliance provisions for an extended day care center use in the R-1 Resident District.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to enact Ordinance No. 4-246. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

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

- a. minutes of the July 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting.
- b. the July 2017 Voucher List in the amount of \$1,885,236.92, check sequence #61597 through #61834.
- c. the June 2017 Treasurer's Report.
- d. authorize Gilmore & Associates, Inc. to proceed with engineering services related to the Wissahickon Creek Rehabilitation and Flood Mitigation Project in accordance with their proposal dated March 31, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$64,700 (Tasks #1, #2, #3 and #4). The proposal includes Surveying Services, Land Design/Drafting Services, Administrative Services and Construction Services.
- e. authorize Pickering, Corts & Summerson Consulting Engineers and Surveyors to proceed with engineering design services associated with the reconstruction of the Yost Road Bridge over Stony Creek, in the amount of \$112,352.97, in accordance with their proposal dated April 7, 2017. The proposal for Professional Engineering Services includes the preparation of design plans and bid documents for the reconstruction of the Yost Road Bridge over Stony Creek.

- f. authorize the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 361, an Ordinance amending the Township's Code Chapter 142 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 142-21 (Stop Intersections Established) to add stop signs in all directions to the following four intersections: (1) Boxwood Drive & Hemlock Drive; (2) Hickory Drive & Hemlock Drive; (3) Sheffield Drive & Green Briar Drive; and (4) North Wales Road and Yost Road.
- g. pass Resolution #1182 authorizing the Township Manager to sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to be submitted to the PA Department of Transportation. The application is required in order to install a new signal at Skippack Pike and the Centre Square Fire Company/Centre Square Plaza driveways.
- h. pass Resolution #1183 authorizing the Township Manager to sign documents providing for cost reimbursement between the PA Department of Transportation and Whitpain Township for the relocation of facilities affected by SR 3001 Section OFF.
- i. pass Resolution #1184 authorizing the Township Manager to sign documents providing for cost reimbursement between the PA Department of Transportation and Whitpain Township for the relocation of facilities affected by SR 0202 Section 61N.
- j. accept proposals from McMahon Associates and SC Engineers for Consulting Engineering services relative to the relocation of sanitary sewer facilities during the construction of the SR 3001 and SR 0202 Projects in Whitpain Township, subject to a final review by the Township Manager.
- k. award the contract for the Village of Oxford Connector Trail Project to James R. Kenney Excavating and paving, Inc. of Collegeville, PA in the low bid amount of \$78,714 (bid amount includes base bid plus alternate #1 and alternate #2). This award is contingent upon the review of the bid documents by the Township Engineer and the Township Solicitor.
- l. grant a waiver from the requirements of preparing a land development plan for the installation of diesel generator at the Meridian Bank office located at 653 W. Skippack Pike to Powell's Electric Service. The waiver is conditioned upon the review and approval of the site plan by the Township Engineer.
- m. accept an offer from the PA Department of Transportation to purchase 0.013 acres (566 sq. ft.) of Right-of-Way and acquire 0.078 acres (3,398 sq. ft.) of Temporary Construction Easement in accordance with the summary of just compensation dated July 25, 2017 in the amount of \$14,400. The right-of-way and temporary construction easement are along the 202 frontage of Centre Square Park.

- n. award the contracts for the Police Department Cell Door Project to United Prison Equipment of Green Lane, PA, general contractor, in the amount of \$165,000 (which includes the base bid and two alternates); to AJM Electrical, Inc. of Chester, PA electrical contractor, in the amount of \$6,630; and to Air Control Tech., Inc., of West Berlin, NJ, mechanical contractor, in the amount of \$12,150.
- o. accept the resignation of Bradley Tate from the Planning Commission.
- p. adopt a policy regarding Township community events, permitted activities, sponsorship and participation to allow political speech at Traditional Public Forums, Designated Public Forums and Limited Public Forums/Non-Public Forums at the Whitpain Township Community Festival. Accordingly, the Township will agree to allow political speech on the grounds generally, at the booths (with candidates or parties allowed to register for a booth for the non-profit fee), or as sponsors, with an appropriate disclaimer that the Township does not endorse any political candidate or party. This policy will be recommended for other Township events as well, and, if the event is not on Township property, may be subject to the rules and regulations of the property owner.

Chair Weber called for any discussion. She noted, and Solicitor Bartle confirmed, that Item #4(p) includes the written policy he sent to the Township Manager today. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

With reference to the Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled for August 17, 2017, Chair Weber asked Ms. Kearney to briefly summarize application #2128-17. Ms. Kearney explained that there will be no sales or manufacturing of goods on the premises. The applicant is an orthopedic surgeon who will utilize approximately 1,275 sq. ft. of space, and receive goods related to the practice with limited deliveries to the practice. There will be no outgoing shipments. There will be minimal use of the loading docks. The applicant will be present at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

The Board of Supervisors did not take any action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard August 17, 2017:

No. 2127-17 Montgomery County Community College
No. 2128-17 Doctor in the House, Inc.

Chair Weber turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman who asked if there was any public comment. John Neeld from Powell Electric asked about the waiver request for Meridian Bank and was pleased that the waiver was granted. Dana Hasness, representing Senator Leach, noted several events that their office is hosting within the district. There were no additional public comments. Vice-Chair Wollman asked for any Board comments.

Mr. Conner noted this evening an open house was held for the interim site of the Wissahickon Valley Boys & Girls Club. It was focused on the community and the neighbors. The Grand Opening to be held September 6th will be a larger affair with a ribbon cutting. He expressed pride and delight at tonight's event, which would not have happened without his colleagues and the Township staff. Vice-Chair Wollman called for any additional comments. There were none and he returned the meeting to the Chair.

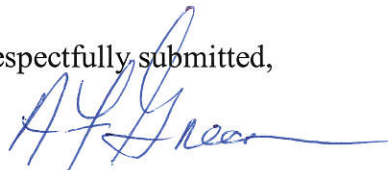
Chair Weber recognized that Vice-Chair Wollman wished to make a comment. He read a statement regarding the events that occurred in Virginia over the weekend, expressing his outrage with a vile display by a small group of Americans. We must always speak out against injustices, as we have done this evening.

Mr. Pronczak introduced several staff members who do not normally attend Board of Supervisors' meetings. They are: Bill McManus, Assistant Zoning Officer and Greg Monte from the Engineering Department who is filling in for Nicole this evening in IT matters.

Chair Weber noted that the Board met in executive session briefly prior to the public meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation, and will resume to complete its work session, followed by a return to executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

There was no additional discussion by the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Wollman and seconded by Mr. Conner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. F. Greco', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony F. Greco
Secretary