

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2018

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday April 12, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors Present: Amy Grossman, Chair; Missy Sterling, Vice Chair; Michael Drossner; Laura Boyle Nester and Fran McCusker

Also present: Richard L. Mellor, Jr., Township Manager; Sean P. Kilkenny, Township Solicitor; James C. Sullivan, P.E.; and Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Sterling announced:

This Saturday, April 14 is the Wells Street Open Space Clean Up from 8 am to 11 am at the Wells Street Open Space across the street from Cedar Grove Park. Residents are welcome and join the team of “Enviroteers” and learn about proper pruning techniques and how to detect and remove invasive plants to help restore the area to a naturally beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. This event is sponsored by T&M Associates.

The Township received updates from PECO that the Flourtown Road closure has been delayed and is re-scheduled to go into effect as of Monday, April 23. This is a nighttime road closure, which will take place from 7 pm to 6 am, Monday through Thursday. A temporary detour will be in effect during the night closure, but all local traffic will have access to all the side streets on Flourtown Road during construction. The night closure is expected to continue to the early June, and PECO will notify affected residents 2 weeks prior to the commencement of work.

The Friends of the Library is holding their spring book sale on Saturday, April 21 from 10 am to 3 pm and on Sunday, April 22 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the William Jeanes Memorial Library Community Room. The Friends of the Library is an all-volunteer organization to promote and supplement the services, programs, and facilities of the library through various fundraising and volunteer activities, so please come out and support the local library.

Whitemarsh Township Day – Saturday, April 28th

Thomas J. Blomstrom - Director of Parks and Recreation introduced his helper “Poppy” the Troll and stated the Parks and Recreation Department is excited and honored to announce the 2018 Township Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 12pm to 5pm at the Colonial School District — Victory Fields. A shuttle will operate from the 4/5 lot at the PWHS complex and there is additional parking at Whitemarsh Elementary. He thanked the Board of Supervisors, Colonial School District as host and extended

appreciation to event partners: Einstein Hospital, Rothman Institute, Fun Fieldz, Destolfo's Premier Martial Arts, Horizon Waste, Home Instead, T&M Associates, Germantown Academy, ATI Physical Therapy, Militia Hill Security, TD Bank, ServPro, PECO, Holod's True Value, Kona Ice, Anthony Party Rentals, Republic Bank, Kumon Math and Reading Center of Conshohocken and Circus Time Amusements. He acknowledged the volunteers from PWHS Honor Society, PWHS Football Team, and C-P-W Rotary Club. He explained the rides, games and entertainment planned for the day. He thanked the Public Works Department, Police Department, the Fire Marshall, and WTV for all their team efforts in planning the logistics of the event to make it as safe and enjoyable for the residents.

**Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society - Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award
Connecting Exceptional People Program – William Jeanes Memorial Library**

Tom Blomstrom announced on Thursday, March 29th, the Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department was honored to receive an "Excellence in Recreation and Parks" award at the annual Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) state conference award ceremony in Mount Pocono, PA. The Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation Department was presented the award for the Connecting Exceptional People (CEP) program, which is a collaborative effort with the William Jeanes Memorial Library. The CEP program provides outstanding opportunities for young adults with special needs to connect with each other, their community, and available resources in a fun, safe, and welcoming environment. The program focuses on the long term goal of assisting these transitioning young adults in achieving positive, productive, and meaningful adult lives. Through the social interactions provided by the program, participants are able to forge new relationships, increase their self-confidence, and see that their personality can be shared with and enjoyed by others. He said the "Excellence in Recreation and Parks" award is presented to nominees that demonstrate outstanding quality; innovation; range and value of appeal; community support; efficient use of funding, human and material resources in development, delivery and use of programs, special events, publications and promotions. Entries are independently assessed by each member of the PRPS Recognition and Awards Committee and the highest rated nominees receive the award. He stated the Park and Recreation Department would like to thank their partner the William Jeanes Memorial Library and the many volunteers and organizations who have assisted to make the program the success that it is today. Additionally, he stated they are grateful for the support of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors and the leadership of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.

Lisa Clancy, Director of the William Jeanes Memorial Library said the Library is excited to have this program recognized as they are committed to providing outstanding services and programs to this underserved population. The program grew from conversations with parents, caregivers, differently-abled individuals, and the school district to supplement young adults who are transitioning or recently transitioned out of the school system, to supplement their need for additional education, enrichment and social interaction. They are not only pleased with the growth in numbers, but also in individuals in the group as they have formed friendships, increased social skills, and participated in activities and events they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. She said they are proud of the growth of this program and pleased that all of the staff, volunteers, and participants are receiving this recognition

Promotion and Commendations

Promotion - Sargent Craig Cubbin

Chief Christopher Ward stated the retirement of Sgt. Charles Swan on November 23, 2017 created an opening for a promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. Utilizing the Eligibility List that was certified in July of 2016 and with the permission of the Township Manager and the Board of Supervisors, then Detective Craig Cubbin was recognized as the number one candidate for the position. On January 1, 2018 Detective Cubbin was officially promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assumed command of "C" Squad.

The Chief stated Craig is an 18 year veteran of the Whitemarsh Police Department. Craig started his Law Enforcement career with the Montgomery County Adult Probation Department as an Adult Probation Officer. Craig then spent two years as a police officer with the Amtrak Police Department, Philadelphia Division. In 1999 Craig was hired by the Whitemarsh Township Police Department and he was assigned to the Patrol Division.

Chief Ward said in 2005 Craig was assigned to the Detective Division, where he served for the last 12 years. Craig is a member of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. Craig has specialized in Narcotics Investigations while managing a full detective caseload. He has received seven Unit Citations, four Citations for Merit and one Lifesaving Citation during his career here in Whitemarsh. The Chief stated Craig is a 1989 graduate of the William Penn Charter School and a 1993 graduate of Moravian College where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. The Chief invited Craig's wife Jennifer to pin Craig's new badge on his uniform.

Commendations

Mrs. Evelyn Bock and Corporal Laskey

Lt. Keenan stated on Monday, November 6, 2017 at approximately 12:20 PM, Mrs. Evelyn Bock was driving out of her neighborhood in Lafayette Hill when she observed two men in the roadway. One man was standing over the other man, who was lying on the roadway and appeared unresponsive. Sensing that something was not right, Mrs. Bock stopped and exited her vehicle to determine what was going on. Mrs. Bock, a trained rescuer, immediately realized that the man lying on the roadway, Jose Antonio Lopez, was in Cardiac Arrest and in need of immediate medical attention. Mrs. Bock took the moment to call 911 and summon assistance before she began to perform CPR on Mr. Lopez. Cpl. Laskey was dispatched to the medical emergency and arrived quickly. Cpl. Laskey was equipped with and AED, Automatic External Defibrillator, that he quickly deployed, while Mrs. Bock continued CPR. When the AED advised Cpl. Laskey to provide a "shock" he did so. After the initial shock, Cpl. Laskey took over CPR on Mr. Lopez and the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance arrived to assist. Whitemarsh Community Ambulance took over care of Mr. Lopez and transported him to Chestnut Hill Hospital. By the time the ambulance had reached the hospital Mr. Lopez had a heart beat and was breathing on his own.

Lt. Keenan stated at this time the Township would like to recognize Mrs. Evelyn Bock for her bravery, quick thinking and her care for a fellow citizen and Cpl. Howard Laskey for his quick response, dedication to duty and his care for a fellow citizen. Together, working as a team, Evelyn Bock and Howard Laskey should be commended for the Lifesaving actions.

Mrs. Tracy Blumenthal, Mrs. Christine Aiello, Sargent Amanda Johnson, Corporal Mark Williams, Officer Stephen Cline and Officer Vincent Mundy

Chief Ward stated on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at approximately 3:45 PM, Timothy and Mary Thiess were enjoying the unusually nice weather for a Saturday afternoon in January by taking a walk through their neighborhood in Plymouth Meeting. Suddenly, Tim Thiess was not feeling well and reported that he had pain shooting up his left arm. Mr. Thiess suddenly collapsed to the ground in Cardiac Arrest. Local residents, Tracy Blumenthal and Christine Aiello, were at home enjoying the nice weather when they realized that there was a problem on the street in front of their residences. Responding to the calls for assistance from Mary Thiess, both women immediately responded to aid their fellow neighbor.

He said fortunately, both of these women are trained rescuers and, after assessing the situation, the women began to perform CPR and care for Mr. Thiess. Officer Vincent Mundy and Sgt. Amanda Johnson were dispatched to the medical emergency and arrived quickly. Ofc. Mundy took over CPR until Sgt. Johnson arrived with an AED, Automatic External Defibrillator that he quickly deployed, while Sgt. Johnson continued CPR. Cpl. Mark Williams and Ofc. Steve Cline arrived and assisted with performing CPR and caring for Mr. Thiess. When the AED advised Ofc. Mundy to provide a "shock" he did so. After the initial shock, the officers continued CPR on Mr. Thiess until the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance arrived to assist. Whitemarsh Community Ambulance took over care of Mr. Thiess and transported him to Chestnut Hill Hospital. By the time the ambulance had reached the hospital Mr. Thiess was responsive.

Chief Ward stated at this time the Township would like to recognize Mrs. Tracy Blumenthal, Mrs. Christine Aiello for their bravery, quick thinking and their care for a fellow citizen and Sgt. Amanda Johnson, Cpl. Mark Williams, Ofc. Stephen Cline and Ofc. Vincent Mundy for their quick response, dedication to duty and care for a fellow citizen. Together, working as a team, these six people should be commended for the Lifesaving actions.

Commendation for Irv Leventhal - Volunteer Service to the William Jeanes Memorial Library

Chair Grossman stated today we are privileged to recognize and honor Mr. Irv Leventhal for his years of dedication to the community through his contributions to the William Jeanes Memorial Library. Mr. Leventhal has dedicated almost his whole life giving to the community in the form of a teacher and volunteer. He served as a junior high teacher for 43 years and has been serving the William Jeanes Memorial Library as a volunteer for almost 50 years. She said the Township is grateful for residents like Mr. Leventhal who are so dedicated to our community in making sure Whitemarsh Township continues to be a great place to live.

Mr. Leventhal thanked the Board of Supervisors for the recognition. He gave a history of the library and thanked all of the volunteers at the library for their hard work and dedication. He thanked his family for allowing him to dedicate his time to the library

Proclamation to Ignacio Jayo - 2018 DaVinci Science Center Educator Excellence STEM Leadership Award

Chair Grossman stated the Township is privileged to issue this proclamation to congratulate Mr. Ignacio Jayo, a Whitmarsh Township resident, who is a Science Teacher at William Tennent High School, for being awarded the DaVinci Science Center Hall of Fame Award. Each year, the DaVinci Science Center recognizes and honors members of the community who have dedicated themselves to furthering local education efforts in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields at the Hall of Fame Awards.

This proclamation will be sent to the DaVinci Scenter Center to be presented to Ignacio at their annual gala at the end of April. We congratulate Ignacio Jayo and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Conditional Use #01-18 - Naroznowski/4029 Indian Guide Road – Front Facing Solar Panel

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors opened the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use #01-18 Naroznowski/4029 Indian Guide Road – Front Facing Solar Panel.

A court reporter was present, and the notes of testimony are available for review at the Township Building.

The following individuals presented information/testimony/comments/questions at the Public Hearing:

Sean P. Kilkenny, Township Solicitor
 Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning
 Michael Cornell, Contractor
 Robin Naroznowski, Resident

On a motion by Supervisor McCusker, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 22, 2018

On a motion by Supervisor McCusker, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes.

BOARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review SLD #01-18; Provco Pineville Fayette, LP/1201 Butler Pike – Land Development Waiver

Mr. Robert Careless, attorney for the applicant, explained SLD #01-18, Provco Pineville Fayette, LP is requesting a Land Development Waiver Request at 1201 Butler Pike (Conshohocken). This property is a portion of the site of the proposed Wawa food market and gasoline fueling station located primarily in

Conshohocken Borough. He gave a history of the property and surrounding properties. He said this is a 39-foot wide property containing 9,360 square feet (the entire property is 1.43 acres or 62,160 square feet). The entire building and all of the fueling islands are located within the Borough. The land in the Whitemarsh Township is proposed to contain 19 parking spaces (including two air pump locations), and the northernmost exit drive onto Butler Pike/Fayette Street; the access/egress onto this roadway has been approved by PennDOT; this is one of three access points for this development. He stated although this property is zoned B-Residential, the parking has been determined to be a legal nonconforming use. The Borough granted preliminary/final approval for the land development within the Borough on November 15, 2017. The applicant is seeking a land development waiver for the portion in our Township. Jim Sullivan, Township Engineer has recommended granting the waiver conditioned upon the applicant obtaining an Earth Disturbance Permit for the work in the Township. He said the Planning Commission reviewed this proposal at their March 13th meeting. The Commission unanimously recommended approval of the land development waiver, subject to a determination being made by the Solicitor as to the applicability of the traffic impact fee requirement, and to compliance with the zoning compliance letter and Township Engineer's letter.

There was a discussion between the Supervisors and Mr. Careless regarding the entrance/exits and the parking occurring in Whitemarsh. Casey A. More, McMahan Associates, Traffic Engineer for the applicant answered their questions regarding entrances/exits and explained the traffic flow into and out of the parking lot.

Joe Baron, Bohler Engineering, engineer for the applicant spoke about the landscape and plantings that will be provided.

Resolutions

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor McCusker (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors **Resolution #2018-08** granted a Land Development Waiver for SLD#01-18; Provco Pineville Fayette, LP/121 Butler Pike for a proposed Wawa Food Market and Fueling Stations in Conshohocken Borough with a portion of the property in Whitemarsh Township.

2. SLD #06-17; Laurel Holdings Group, LLC/633 Germantown Pike; Conditional Preliminary Plan

Mr. Guttenplan explained SLD #06-17, Laurel Holdings Group, LLC is for a Preliminary Land Development plan at 633 Germantown Pike. The applicant is proposing to demolish the previous gas station/auto mechanic's building and construct a two-story office building with a building footprint of 3,163 square feet, along with required associated parking (32 spaces). This project received Zoning Hearing Board decisions. This is the first completely new 2-story building in the VC-1 District along Germantown Pike and will be built in accordance with the design requirements of the Village Commercial District. The Planning Commission reviewed this proposal at their February 27th meeting. The Commission unanimously recommended approval of the preliminary plan and recommended that the applicant comply with the three recommendations made by the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) to the maximum extent possible. MCPC recommended the proposed fence along the adjacent residential property be solid without spaces between slats, parking lighting be downward facing and shielded, and certain sustainable stormwater control be implemented.

Jon Mayer, developer, discussed the architecture of the building proposed and the possible changes in appearance. Chair Grossman asked if the entire building will be office space. Mr. Mayer confirmed it will be. There was a discussion about the entrance and exit of the property.

Resolutions

On a motion by Supervisor Nester, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors Resolution **#2018-09** granted conditional Preliminary Plan approval for SLD #06-17; Laurel Holding Group, LLC/633 Germantown Pike for the construction of a 2-story office building at the former Farmer's Auto Service Station.

ACTION ITEMS

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

Motions

1. Conditional Use #01-18 - Naroznowski/4029 Indian Guide Road

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor McCusker (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved Conditional Use application #01-18 for Naroznowski/4029 Indian Guide Road for the installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels.

2. Capital Budget Amendment

Mr. Mellor explained in reviewing with the Fleet Coordinator the purchase of vehicles for this year it was noticed that mistakenly a new vehicle for the Building and Codes Department was not included in the budget.

On a motion by Supervisor McCusker seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the Capital Budget Amendment for the purchase of new building and codes vehicle in the amount of \$32,254.32.

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, second by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors amended the agenda for additional action items.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness – 105 Black Walnut Lane

Mr. Guttenplan explained there is a Certificate of Appropriateness for consideration for 105 Black Walnut Lane, Plymouth Meeting, for a various improvements. This is one of the historic homes on this site before the Black Walnut Lane subdivision took place; this house was built in the 1930's. HARB discussed the proposed metal standing-seam porch roof (over an existing rear porch, not visible from the street) and changes to the garage door openings and proposed new doors. There is a three-car garage on the side of the home with three separate garage doors; the owner wants to modify the opening of two so that there would be one double-wide garage with one door and the third garage would remain with a single door. The double and single garage doors would both be replaced to match, and would be similar in appearance to the existing doors. The contractor and owner shared building material samples at the meeting this morning and HARB recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for all of these improvements.

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for a building addition at 105 Black Walnut Lane

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Linda Doll, Fairway Road, spoke about the parking lot expansion meeting at the William Jeanes Memorial Library and her disagreement with the need for additional parking. She also spoke about programming and scheduling of programs at the library.

Eli Glick (Whitefield Drive) talked about his application to the Shade Tree Commission and asked about the ability to be appointed.

Brett Walley-Saunders (W. Valley Green Road) spoke about the Valley Green Road bridge closure, traffic in the area and weight restriction on the bridge.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Grossman announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.
Township Manager

April 12, 2018

