

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2019

The August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room at 566 Beaumont Road, Devon. Supervisors present included: Betsy Fadem, Chair; Christopher D. Polites, Vice-Chair; James W. Oram, Jr.; Karl A. Romberger, Jr., and Marc Hepe. Also attending were Eugene C. Briggs, Jr., AICP, CZO, Assistant Township Manager and Director of Planning and Zoning; Dave Obzud, Police Chief; Don Curley, PE, Public Works Director; Bill DeFeo, Finance Director; Kate Jones, Administrative Coordinator; Bryan Kulakowsky, PE, Township Engineer; and Andrew D. H. Rau, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fadem called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance. She announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

BOARD MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 440-19 to Change the 30 Minute Parking Restriction on 600 Block of Lancaster Avenue

Mr. Rau updated the Board on this item. The amendment was first proposed as part of the Berwyn Parking Study process by the Berwyn Devon Business Association and was discussed without Board action at its regular public meeting on June 17, 2019. The draft ordinance has since been revised to propose installing signage to change parking limits on the south side of the 600 block of Lancaster Avenue from 30 minutes to two hours during business hours, Monday through Saturday, from 8 am-6 pm from Main Avenue east for a distance of 455 feet and to remain at 30 minutes on weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm and from 9 am to 11 am on Saturdays from Main Avenue west for a distance of 78 feet.

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Mr. Romberger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 440-19. Mr. Hepe seconded the motion. The Board questioned Chief Obzud and Mr. Rau regarding the proposal. After discussion, Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the public.

Steven Kincade, general manager of Alfredo Restaurant in Berwyn, requested that the Board consider furthering clarifying signage for parking to help alleviation regarding on-street parking in this area.

Matthew and Dolores DiDiminico, owners of properties fronting Lancaster Avenue on the 600 block of Lancaster Avenue, stated their objections to keeping the 30 minute restrictions on parking in front of their businesses. Janet Hoffman, of the United States Postal Service and employee of the Berwyn Post Office, noted that the on-street parking spaces in front of the Berwyn Post Office will not be designated solely for patrons of the post office. Avis Yuni, of 231 Waterloo Road, and Louise Story, of 2060 Buttonwood Road, spoke to the needs of all businesses in the area and to the results of the Township's recent Berwyn

Parking Study initiative. Michael Wacey, of 1049 Beaumont Road, asked questions regarding costs of implementing signage and street painting as part of this process. Fred Pioggia, of 348 Sugartown Road, expressed concern over enforcement differing parking time restrictions on different sections of the affected area.

Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Stormwater Management Waiver for 524 Morris Lane

Mr. Kulakowsky introduced the Board to this item. A stormwater management plan including a subsurface stone bed has been provided to support the redevelopment of the existing 3-acre lot with the construction of a new dwelling, patio, driveway and associated walks. The existing dwelling and improvements on 524 Morris Lane will be removed as part of this project. The proposed design does not meet the following infiltration requirements of the stormwater management ordinance: *§ 388-17. Water quality and runoff volume requirements*. The Applicant has provided infiltration tests performed at multiple locations on the property, all of which show infiltration rates of zero (0) in/hr. The Applicant has proposed water quality control measures including leaf collector/gutter guards and inlet filters to address the water quality requirements of the ordinance. ARRO Engineering has reviewed the plans and specifications for the proposed stormwater management plan and determined that the Applicant has proposed an adequate alternative stormwater design to comply with the requirements of the stormwater ordinance. ARRO recommends that the Board grant a waiver from *§388-17 & §388-18* of the Easttown Township Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Jim Oram made a motion to grant a waiver from Section 388-17.A, 388-17.E, and Section 388-18. of the Easttown Township Stormwater Management Ordinance for 524 Morris Lane to allow for stormwater management with no stormwater infiltration on the property and to allow the water quality runoff volume to be discharged from the site. Mr. Polites seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the Board and members sought clarification regarding the process of complying with Pennsylvania guidelines when infiltration is not possible. Mr. Kulakowsky explained the process for alternate and comparable processes for stormwater management in this type of scenario. Mrs. Fadem then opened the floor to the public, and Mr. Wacey, Mr. Pioggia, and Mark Ward, of 208 Dorset Road, sought further clarification regarding this process. Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term expiring 12/31/2020

Mrs. Fadem introduced the Board to this item. After a vacancy was created on the Parks and Recreation Board after a member resigned, the Township publically advertised for candidates to apply to fill this vacancy. After the interview process, Township resident Stacey Ballard is recommended to fill this vacancy, with a term expiring on December 31, 2020.

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Mr. Oram made a motion to appoint Stacey Ballard to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. Mr. Romberger seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the Board and then the public and there were no comments. Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administration: In Township Manager Dan Fox's absence, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board if it had any questions or comments regarding this report, dated August 16, 2019, and there were none.

Finance: Mr. DeFeo outlined the contents of his memo, dated August 16, 2019.

Planning and Zoning: Mr. Briggs outlined the contents of his memo, dated August 15, 2019. Mrs. Fadem added that she and Mr. Briggs will be meeting with PA State Senator Kearney on September 09, 2019 to discuss the Devon Center Train Station project.

Police: Chief Obzud asked the Board if there were any questions on his monthly report.

Public Works: Mr. Curley outlined the contents of his memo, dated August 13, 2019. Regarding Mr. Curley's recommendation that the Township look for more alternatives to comply with State MS4 requirements, Mr. Heppe recommended that he reach out to the Upper Mainline YMCA for potential assistance.

Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the public on departmental reports following updates.

Regarding the Planning and Zoning report, Scott Carpenter, of 530 Woodside Avenue, and Francine Danenhowe, of 552 Woodside Avenue, sought clarification of and expressed frustration over the public participation process during a Zoning Hearing Board Public Hearing, specifically pertaining to the ones being held for Application 586 Berwyn Owner LLC.

Regarding the Police report, Ms. Danenhowe also expressed concerns over traffic safety issues in her neighborhood and Chief Obzud stated that he would follow up with her regarding these concerns.

Regarding the Public Works Department report, Mr. Ward suggested that in addition to reaching out to the YMCA, as Mr. Heppe had suggested, that Mr. Curley also reach out to the Brandywine Conservatory.

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Minutes

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Mr. Heppe made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of July 15, 2019. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the Board and there were no comments. Mrs. Fadem then opened the floor to the public and there were no comments. Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Payment of Bills, Date Ending August 05, 2019

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Mr. Romberger made a motion to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$610,641.89; date ending August 05, 2019. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the Board and it questioned the staff on miscellaneous aspects of the bills. Mrs. Fadem then opened the floor to the public, there were no questions. Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Payment of Bills, Date Ending August 19, 2019

Before discussion, Mrs. Fadem asked the Board for a motion. Mr. Polites made a motion to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$1,489,577.76; date ending August 19, 2019. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the Board and it questioned the staff on miscellaneous aspects of the bills. Mrs. Fadem then opened the floor to the public, there were no questions. Mrs. Fadem called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Planning Commission (Marc Heppe and Betsy Fadem): Mrs. Fadem stated that the Planning Commission did not hold a regular meeting on August 06, but still held its regular working session.

Fire/EMS (Betsy Fadem and Marc Heppe): Mrs. Fadem and Mr. Heppe stated that they will be attending a ceremony for the opening of an emergency medical services (EMS) substation located at the Old Forge Crossing Condominiums in the Devon section of Tredyffrin Township as part of the Berwyn Fire Company on Monday, August 26.

Historical Commission (Karl Romberger and Alt Jim Oram): Mr. Romberger stated that when the Commission met on August 14 it continued its discussion regarding its historical resource inventory list process.

Municipal Authority (Karl Romberger and Alt Betsy Fadem): Mrs. Fadem reported that the Authority met on August 13 and discussed issues related to capital maintenance projects and options moving forward for a recent sewer forcemain break.

Following the Supervisor Report updates, Mrs. Fadem opened the floor to the public and there were no comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Oram announced that he and Mr. Heppe attended Advocacy Day at the Upper Main Line YMCA, sponsored by the YMCA Board.

Mr. Heppe discussed topics that were addressed at a recent meeting of the Berwyn Devon Business Association, including a Street Clean event being held on September 15, 10 am hosted by the Upper Main

Line YMCA and the Berwyn Devon Business Association. Interested volunteers may find more information regarding this event online at www.easttown.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 02 in observance of Labor Day.

The Berwyn Devon Business Association and the Easttown Public Library will hold the fourth and final installment of the 2019 *Movies Under the Stars* with a screening of the movie classic “Goonies” on Friday, September 06, 8:30 pm at the Easttown Library.

The following public meetings will be held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

- Parks and Recreation Board on Tuesday, August 20, 7 pm
- Library Board on Wednesday, August 21, 7 pm at Easttown Library
- Zoning Hearing Board on Monday, August 26, 7 pm at Hilltop House
- Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 03, 7 pm
- Policy Committee on Monday, September 09, 5:30 pm
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Monday, September 09, 6:15 pm
- Municipal Authority on Tuesday, September 10, 7 pm
- Historical Commission on Wednesday, September 11, 7 pm at Easttown Library
- Next Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, September 16, 7 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ward stated that his frustration regarding projects in the Township and specifically addressed his concerns regarding the Devon Center Project.

Margaret D’Alessandro, of 610 Clovelly Lane, asked about the potential use of the Devereux institution on Highland Avenue to house unaccompanied minor migrant children from the border crisis. Mr. Briggs responded that the Township has reached out to Devereux for clarification regarding its proposed use for this facility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jones
Recording Secretary