

Easttown Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Regular Meeting Minutes April 18, 2022

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room and also via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (ZOOM). Supervisors present included Beth D'Antonio (Chair), Michael Wacey (Vice Chair), Alex Bosco, Erik Unger and Betsy Fadem. Also in attendance were Eugene Briggs (Township Manager), Don Curley (Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works), David Fiorenza (Finance Director), Chief David Obzud, (Easttown Police Department), Matt Lubitz, (Township Zoning Officer), Bryan Kulakowsky (Township Engineer), Tom Comitta (Township Planner), Sharon Norris (Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager) and Andy Rau (Township Solicitor).

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Beth D'Antonio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reviewed meeting protocol.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. D'Antonio led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Introduction of New Library Director Amber Osborne** – Mrs. D'Antonio turned the introduction over to Supervisor Betsy Fadem who provided a brief bio on Ms. Osborne of her professional library experience noting that most recently, Amber came to Easttown from the Swarthmore Public Library. The Board welcomed Ms. Osborne.
4. **Volunteer Recognitions** – Mrs. D'Antonio and the Board of Supervisors recognized Joan Stillwell (who was in attendance) for her 43 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board, Alessandra Nicolas (who was in attendance via Zoom) for her 3 years of service on the Library Board of Trustees and Larry “Buzz” Wood for his 4 years of service as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board thanked these volunteers for their many contributions to the Township.
5. **Consent Agenda** – Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion to approve Agenda Items 5A, (the March 30, 2022 Special Meeting minutes), 5B, (the April 04, 2022 Meeting minutes) and 5C, (the payment of the bills). Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Board Motions, Presentations and Resolutions

A. Consideration of Conditional Use 110 and Consideration of Subdivision and Land Development 539 – 215 and 219 Lancaster Avenue – Solicitor Andy Rau recommended that the Board combine these two agenda items into one discussion topic. He then opened the Public Hearing and reviewed the plan which proposes to consolidate three lots and construct an asphalt vehicle inventory storage lot to be used in conjunction with the existing automobile dealership located on the consolidated property. The Applicant has also requested approval of the expansion of the existing automobile sales use, which is permitted by conditional use in the Planned Business-Office District (PBO). Eleanor Schwandt, Court Reporter, was in attendance to record the proceedings. Mr. Rau individually reviewed the Township Exhibits (B-1 through B-14) and indicated that the Zoning Hearing Board granted the Applicant's appeal of the Zoning Officer's determination and overturned the Zoning Officer's determination that the water feature on the property is a pond. Mr. Rau also noted that the Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve both the Land Development and Conditional Use Plans at their April 05, 2022 meeting. Mr. Rau turned the meeting over to the Applicant. The following Applicants were sworn in: Andrew Stohl, Applicant Attorney, Daniel Mattson, Applicant Engineer, and Robert Stanislaio, Owner and President of Maserati of the Main Line. Frank Tucci, General Manager of Maserati of the Main Line, was also in attendance. The Applicant reviewed their Plan for the Board and went through their Exhibits (A1 – A-14). The Board had the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicants and their representatives, the Staff and Mr. Rau; questions included the removal and relocation of the retaining wall; the difference between vehicle parking and vehicle storage, property ownership, removal of the telephone pole and stormwater plans. Mrs. Fadem made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve Conditional Use 110 and the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan (SD 539), last revised March 15, 2022 and the Conditional Use/Site Construction Plan in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Commission as outlined in Mr. Oeste's letter dated April 08, 2022 and compliance with the applicable Conditional Use Standards for review set forth in Section 455-104 of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, the Plan is subject to final review and approval by TCA Associates prior to recording. The Board shall grant the 12 requested waivers as outlined in the Township Engineer's memo dated April 13, 2022. The Applicant shall comply with Township permitting and development requirements as applicable, including but not limited to, execution of final land development agreements, and financial security and permit applications. The Applicant shall reimburse the Township for all outstanding fees and charges incurred by the Township in processing and considering the Plan Applications, including but not limited to legal, engineering and consulting review fees. The proposed use and development shall be consistent with the testimony and evidence provided at this public meeting and in the plans. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Alex Bosco. The Applicant waived the MPC requirement of decision notification. The Solicitor stated that the written decision will be issued shortly. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. Mr. Tom Comitta commented on the plantings depicted in his plan. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of Appointments to the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee – Mr. Bosco summarized the process for reviewing and choosing the Committee members. He noted that the Township received 6 letters of interest from 6 highly qualified individuals. The Board members thanked all who applied for this Committee. Mr. Bosco made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the following terms. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fadem

- Jill Bukata, term to expire December 31, 2022
- Nick Tymchenko, term to expire December 31, 2023
- Ryan Mierzwa, term to expire December 31, 2023
- Roy Blickwedel, term to expire December 31, 2024
- Stephen Gontkosky, term to expire December 31, 2024

Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment.
The motion carried 5-0.

5. Departmental Reports

- A. Finance** – David Fiorenza presented his report and answered questions from the Board.
- B. Planning and Zoning** – Don Curley presented the report and answered questions from the Board.
- C. Police** – Chief Obzud presented his report and answered questions from the Board.

6. Regular Township Business – As the Consent Agenda was approved, there were no Regular Business items to move to this section.

7. Board of Supervisors Liaison and Work Group Reports

- A. Library Board of Trustees (LBT)** – Mrs. Fadem reported that the Library Board last met in March. The highlight of the meeting is that Amber Osborne was introduced as the new Library Director. The Library Foundation is hosting their Annual Art Auction Fundraiser on May 13th. This virtual event is open to the public but attendees must register at easttownlibrary.org.
- B. Easttown Citizen’s Advisory Committee (ECAC)** – Supervisor Erik Unger summarized the April 11th meeting where they discussed the Phase C Space Study and the Fee Schedule project.
- C. Fire/Emergency Medical Services Task Force** –Mrs. Fadem noted that this group has not met since the last Supervisor Liaison report.
- D. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)** – Supervisor Michael Wacey noted that the EAC discussed tree canopy, the native plant workshop, the Open Space and Recreation Plan, SAGE, a recognition program for green businesses and the April 23rd Darby Creek cleanup. Additionally, the EAC is working on offering a composting program in the Township to give interested residents the opportunity to compost.
- E. Easttown Municipal Authority (EMA)** – Mr. Bosco reported that the EMA discussed the Dorset Road Sewer replacement and the Fox Creek pumps.

- F. Historical Commission (HC) – Mr. Bosco noted that Palmer Dalesandro was elected as Vice Chair. The builder for 23 Knox Avenue is working with the Historical Commission on his proposed project and will be returning next month with regard to a historical structure in disrepair. Additionally, Mr. Lubitz gave an interactive map tutorial which was very informative.
- G. Planning Commission (PC) – Mr. Unger summarized the April 5th PC meeting where the Commission considered two subdivision plans, a Conditional Use application and discussed pedestrian and bicycle safety. He noted that the PC is taking a holistic approach to sidewalk placement, as well as considering costs and the Comprehensive Plan. This conversation included Berwyn Village, Newtown Road (by Hilltop Park) and Devon Train Station.
- H. Finance Work Group (FWG) – Supervisor Unger reported on the FWG’s last meeting where they discussed implementation of a 3-year trend, the monthly report, RFPS and renewals with vendors, an update on the 1st quarter financials and the Audit.
- I. Police Work Group (PWG) – Mr. Wacey reported that this Group met on April 14th. Discussion topics included: a new car being outfitted; body cams and car cams have been upgraded; their uniform provider has changed; a new Officer has been hired; and Devon Horse Show Police coverage.

8. Other Business

- A. 2022 Board of Supervisors Projects – Mrs. D’Antonio summarized the draft list of 2022 projects that Mr. Briggs put together. The Board discussed the list and decided they would individually provide their comments and prioritize the items with the goal of getting their input back to Mr. Briggs in approximately two weeks.
- B. Other – Mr. Bosco asked about speeding traffic on Spencer Road and how to go about getting attention. Mr. Curley recommended that he work with Mr. Curley, Officer Boyd and the Public Works Staff to begin the process.
- C. It was suggested that those Supervisors attending the PSATS conference should present a summary report (Under Supervisor Liaison Reports) at the 2nd regular meeting in May.

9. Announcements

Mrs. D’Antonio read the following announcements:

The following meetings are scheduled and will be held in the Township meeting room with an option to attend the meeting virtually. Please visit the Township website at www.easttown.org to find information on how to view and participate in each of the meetings and for up to date information on all Township activities.

- Parks and Recreation Board, April 19th at 7:00 PM
- Zoning Hearing Board, April 21st at 7:00 PM is cancelled
- Library Board of Trustees, April 27th at 7:00 PM at the Easttown Library
- Environmental Advisory Council, April 28th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, May 2nd at 7:00 PM

- The Easttown EAC is hosting a clean-up of the Darby Creek in 4 locations throughout the Township on April 23rd at 9 AM. Children are welcome. Please sign up using the sign-up links available on the Township website.
- The EAC is also hosting “Recycling 101” a workshop on recycling best practices and an overview of local recycling efforts, presented by Republic Services, the Township’s current trash and recycling hauler. The workshop will be held on May 4th from 7 PM – 8 PM at the Easttown Library and on Zoom. RSVP to easttown@easttown.org.

Mr. Bosco reported that the Historical Commission has one more vacancy and letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, April 22nd.

Mr. Briggs announced that he has received no letters of interest for membership on the Open Space Task Force. The Board advised him to accept letters of interest for an additional two weeks.

Mrs. D’Antonio announced that Sharon Norris, the administrative assistant to the Township Manager has resigned. The Board members thanked her for her time at the Township and Mrs. Fadem read one of her original poems.

9. Public Comment – Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon Norris

Sharon Norris
Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager