

Easttown *Township*

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Regular Meeting Minutes** **May 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room and via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (Zoom).

Present at Meeting: Supervisors Beth D’Antonio (Chair), Michael Wacey (Vice Chair), Alex Bosco, Erik Unger, Betsy Fadem, Andrew Rau (Township Solicitor), Don Curley (Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works), David Fiorenza (Finance Director), Chief David Obzud (Easttown Police Department), Bryan Kulakowsky (Township Engineer), and Susan Greene (Assistant Township Secretary).

1. Call to Order – Chair Beth D’Antonio called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and reviewed meeting protocol.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. D’Antonio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda – Mrs. D’Antonio asked for questions or concerns from the Board regarding the Consent Agenda, which consisted of Agenda Items 3A (the May 02, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes), and 3B (ratifying the payment of the bills). Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Betsy 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 4-0. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.

4. Board Motions, Presentations and Resolutions

A. Consideration of Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Application 541 for 62-72 Central Avenue – Township Solicitor Andrew Rau summarized the consideration attachments. The applicant, Mike Young, spoke briefly regarding his willingness to comply with all the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Mrs. D’Antonio opened up the discussion for comments and questions from the Board.

Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion to approve including all the conditions and waivers subject to the following changes: (1) in Waiver Item 4, change “travel lane to 14-feet...” to “travel lane to 12-feet...,” and to add “not” in front of supply and correct the lot number in the approval letter. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D’Antonio asked for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.

- B. Consideration of Stormwater Management Waiver Request for 260 Church Road – Bryan Kulakowsky, Township Engineer, summarized the request which asks the Board to grant a waiver from §388-18.K.(4).(c) of the Easttown Township Stormwater Management Ordinance for 260 Church Road (Permit DG-2021-58) to allow the SWM Infiltration BMP to be constructed less than fifty (50) feet from any component of the existing septic system. Mrs. D’Antonio opened up the discussion for comments and questions from the Board. Mrs. D’Antonio asked for public comment. There was none. Mrs. D’Antonio then made a motion to approve the Waiver. Supervisor Alex Bosco seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.
- C. Consideration of Stormwater Management Waiver Request for 1532 Sugartown Road – Mr. Kulakowsky summarized the request which asks the Board to grant a waiver from §388-18.K.(4).(c) of the Easttown Township Stormwater Management Ordinance for 1532 Sugartown Road (Permit DG-2022-14) to allow the SWM Infiltration BMP to be constructed less than fifty (50) feet from any component of the existing septic system. Mrs. D’Antonio opened up the discussion for comments and questions from the Board. Mrs. D’Antonio called for a motion to approve the Waiver. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment, to which there was none. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.
- D. Consideration of Zoning Hearing Board Application 639 for 2261 South Valley Road – Mr. Curly presented the ZHB application. Applicants were present, and Rob Lambert of Site Engineering Concepts presented the revisions that were made to the plan based on the recommendations from the Planning Commission. The action requested is either to have the Township Solicitor prepare a letter outlining the Board of Supervisors’ position and provide it to the Zoning Hearing Board or authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Board of Supervisors’ position at the Hearing on June 16, 2022. Mr. Bosco made a motion to have the Zoning Officer communicate its support of the Planning Commission and Historical Commission positions at the Hearing. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D’Antonio asked for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Wacey voting nay. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.
- E. Consideration of Prospective Traffic Control Interventions – Mr. Curley introduced Nik Kharva and Mary Hashemi from the Planning Commission, who then summarized the background behind and prospective interventions for improving mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists and the promotion of calming traffic. Mr. Bosco made the motion to direct the Staff to initiate the development and approval of a Professional Service Agreement in its traditional form, with a cost not to exceed \$15,000 using Sidewalk Fee-in-lieu-of Funds, and, as suggested, deferring intervention in the area around the Devon train station. Mrs. Fadem

seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio asked for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Unger was not in attendance during the vote.

- F. Consideration of Historical Commission Member Resignation – Mrs. Fadem made a motion to accept the resignation of Karl Romberger from the Historical Commission and authorize Staff to proceed with the proposed appointment schedule. Mrs. D'Antonio seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio asked for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Departmental Repots

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

6. Board of Supervisors Liaison and Work Group Requests

- A. Parks and Recreation (PRB) – Mrs. D'Antonio reported that the PRB met on May 17th and discussed the upcoming concert series at Hilltop, encouraging use of the parks by local businesses, the 4th of July initiative, and grant opportunities. The next meeting will be June 21st at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Library Board of Trustees – Mrs. Fadem reported that the Board of Trustees met on April 27th. The next meeting is May 25, 2022. Mrs. Fadem attended the Chester County Library Legislative Breakfast on April 29th. They put out an annual report of all the libraries and Easttown Township was the 2nd highest in circulation, second to Exton. Mrs. Fadem also attended the Library Friends' Auction, which had 76 pieces of art.
- C. Easttown Citizen's Advisory Committee (ECAC) – Mr. Unger reported that ECAC met on May 9th to go over the Phase C for the Township Building Space Analysis, and to prepare a digestible version to present to the Board. The next meeting is June 13th at 6:15 p.m.
- D. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – Mr. Wacey reported that the EAC met on April 28th. They appointed Gary Ellis as the liaison to the new Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resources Plan Task Force Committee. They talked about a newsletter, grant writing responsibilities, liaison reports, discussion of a community compost location, and the production of an EAC logo for branding purposes. The next meeting is May 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- E. Planning Commission (PC) – Mr. Unger reported that the PC met on May 3rd and heard a number of applications. Mary Hashemi had prepared a write-up on where the Township sat with the Comprehensive Plan and where we were in relation to those goals. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7th at 7:00 p.m.

- F. Easttown Municipal Authority (EMA) – Mr. Bosco reported that the EMA met on May 10th and reported that they were accepting bids for the sewer repair on Dorset Road, but that no bids came in. The next meeting is June 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- G. Historical Commission (HC) – Mr. Bosco indicated that the meeting was cancelled because they did not have a quorum.
- H. Fire/Emergency Medical Services Task Force – Mrs. Fadem reported the Task Force met on April 20th. The Bridge Ave Fire Station received a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant, and they will discuss how to allocate that money. The next meeting is May 25th to discuss budget requests for 2023.
- I. Police Work Group – Mrs. D’Antonio reported that the Work Group met on May 19th. New cars are being outfitted. The last vehicle will be back shortly after repair from an accident. Looking for a secretary search – one promising candidate. There was a lot of training completed in April. The Devon Horse Show is coming up, and is a very intense time for the force. The parking ticket structure is on the docket for next year. The Beaumont Elementary School traffic on Beaumont Road is a concern. Should the Board pass the Omnibus Amendments, Chief Obzud is aware and ready to enforce the Noise Chapter. The next meeting will be in June.
- J. Finance Work Group – Mrs. D’Antonio reported that the Finance Work Group met on May 11th. There was a presentation by the auditor on the Township and Municipal Authority audit reports. We have a clean audits ant they will be presented to the Board in June. The Finance Work Group will meet around the 2nd week of the month.

7. Other Business: Devon Train Station Grant Application with SEPTA – Mrs. Fadem reported that improving the Devon Train Station is a Board project this year, but has been an on-going project since it started in 2018. SEPTA recommends that the Township apply for a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant. The application is due on or about July 1st. Three areas were identified where funds could be allocated with the Township responsibility being limited to the pedestrian improvements south of the Station. The next meeting with SEPTA will be in June to work on the grant application. The important thing is that we not only have SEPTA’s attention on several levels, but also their interest in helping us with the grant, and their partnering ability to improve the Station property.

8. Announcements – Mrs. D’Antonio read the following announcements:

MEETINGS:

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.

- Board of Supervisors – Omnibus Zoning Amendments, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

- Library Board of Trustees, Easttown Library, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Environmental Advisory Council, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- Stormwater Management Advisory Committee, May 31st at 7:00 p.m.

OBSERVED HOLIDAY:

Please note that the Township Building will be closed Monday, May 30th in observation of Memorial Day.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Volunteers are still needed for the new Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Resources Plan Task Force. This Task Force will identify opportunities and set priorities for recreation and open space enhancements and guides future decision making by setting forth policy recommendations and strategies for achieving those objectives, and consist of: one member of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, and Environmental Advisory Committee; and three residents from the community at large. Candidates for the three community at large openings must be residents of Easttown and be able to attend monthly meetings for a minimum of 13 months. All meetings will be scheduled based upon member availability. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Task Force, please send your resume and letter of interest to Eugene Briggs, Township Manager at ebriggs@easttown.org by Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Berwyn United Methodist Church is excited to announce the opening of a Food Pantry at the church, located at 140 Waterloo Avenue in Berwyn. The Food Pantry is open weekly every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan B. Greene
Assistant Township Secretary