

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2016**

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

**Supervisors Present:** Amy Grossman, Chair; Melissa S. Sterling, Vice-Chair; Laura Boyle Nester; Robert R. Hart and James A. Totten

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF ARMED FORCES SERVING HERE AND ABROAD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Zoning Map Amendment; SLD #06-15; 505A Germantown Pike Associates; Request for Expanding VC-1 District Mapping**

On a motion by Supervisor Hart, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors opened a public hearing to consider Zoning Map Amendment; SLD #06-15; 505A Germantown Pike Associates; Request for Expanding VC-1 District Mapping.

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, Solicitor  
Marc Jonas, attorney representing the applicant  
Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP

On a motion by Supervisor Hart, second by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **January 28, 2016**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes, with correction.

## BOARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. **SLD #13-15; Gonzalez/5020 & 5030 Butler Pike – Conditional Preliminary/Final Plan**

Ed Hughes, attorney for Mr. Gonzalez explained the applicant proposes to acquire a 15' wide strip from 5030 Butler Pike and annex it to his lot at 5020 Butler Pike. Currently, a portion of the driveway for 5020 Butler Pike is on 5030 Butler Pike and this annexation would resolve that. Both lots currently contain non-conforming lot widths (119 feet for 5030 Butler and 69 feet for 5020 Butler). With the proposed lot line change, the lot width of 5030 Butler Pike would be 104 feet and that of 5020 Butler Pike would be 84 feet, both of which would still be less than required. The lot line change will also provide a conforming side yard for 5020 Butler Pike, which is currently nonconforming. No new development is proposed on either lot.

### Resolutions

#### 1. **SLD #13-15; Gonzalez/5020 & 5030 Butler Pike – Conditional Preliminary/Final Plan**

On a motion by Supervisors Hart, second Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2016-08** granting conditional Preliminary/Final Plan approval for SLD#13-15; Gonzalez/5020 & 5030 Butler Pike for a minor subdivision, lot line change.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Ordinances

#### 1. **Zoning Map Amendment; SLD #06-15; 505A Germantown Pike Associates**

On a motion by Supervisor Hart, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Ordinance #963** amending the Whitmarsh Township Zoning Map expanding the VC-1 District 1.45 acres into the A Residential District at 505A Germantown Pike

### Resolutions (continued)

### Motions

#### 1. **Fee Waiver Request - Colonial School District High School Renovations – Building Permits**

Mr. Mellor explained this is a fee waiver request from the Colonial School District for their renovation project which includes the construction of a new cafeteria. The total amount is \$1,798,025.00 for permits which primarily include the cost for building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical permits. Mr. Mellor explained the Township has waived permit fees for the school district in the past.

On a motion by Supervisor Nester, second by Supervisor Hart (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the fee waiver request for the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School renovation project and cafeteria construction in the amount of \$1,798,025.00.

#### 2. **2016 Road Paving Program**

Mr. Sullivan explained the Township plans to resurface eleven Township roads as part of the 2016 Whitemarsh Township Road Improvement Program. The current estimated construction cost for these improvements totals approximately \$633,202.50.

The following roadways have been scheduled for resurfacing:

Roberts Avenue — approximately 2,156 LF of 28± foot wide cartway from Hallowell Street Line to its Dead end.

Summit Avenue— approximately 1,881 LF of 24± foot wide cartway from Hallowell Street to Durant Street.

Emerson Drive — approximately 2,522 LF of 40± foot wide cartway from Joshua Road to North Warner Road.

Christie Circle— approximately 544 LF of 36± foot wide cartway from Emerson Drive to Cul-de-sac end.

Hellman Road — approximately 736 LF of 36± foot wide cartway from Emerson Drive to Cul-de-sac end.

Stevenson Circle— approximately 275 LF of 36± foot wide cartway from Helman Road to Cul-de-sac end.

Franklin Way— approximately 627 LF of 36± foot wide cartway from Flourtown Road to its Dead end.

Farmar Lane— approximately 1,527 LF of 26± foot wide cartway from Bethlehem Pike to Church Road.

Fairfield Drive— approximately 1,282 LF of 26± foot wide cartway from Farmar Lane to Farmar Lane.

Brook Lane — approximately 300 LF of 24± foot wide cartway from Barren Hill Road to the beginning of the required full depth reconstruction.

Brook Lane — approximately 327 LF of full depth reconstruction of the 24± foot wide cartway from the end of required milling to Cul-de-sac end.

Joshua Road Access Street — approximately 276 LF of 20± wide cartway between Emerson Drive and Third Street.

He further explained the following work will be included as an alternate to the base bid:

Resurfacing all asphalt areas at the Department of Public Works / Whitemarsh Township Authority facility.

Additional roadways identified by the Director of Public Works and the Township Engineer.

Additionally, he stated Roberts Avenue, Summit Avenue, Farmar Lane and Fairfield Drive have recently had trench excavations and restorations as part of a watermain replacement project performed by Aqua PA and Aqua will pay the Township the cost of repaving half the roadway width which would have otherwise been completed by Aqua in accordance with Township policy. In addition, the Whitemarsh Township Authority will contribute an amount to be determined to offset the cost of the full depth reconstruction of Brook Lane due to damage that was caused during the installation of a sanitary sewer main last year.

On a motion by Supervisor Hart, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors accepted the Engineering Proposal in the amount of \$80,000 for the 2016 road program which will include

the paving of Roberts Avenue, Summit Avenue, Emerson Drive, Christie Circle, Hellman Road, Stevens Circle, Franklin Way, Farmar Lane, Fairfield Drive, Brook Lane and Joshua Road access street.

### **3. Board/Commission Appointments**

On a motion by Supervisor Hart, second by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors appointed the following individuals to Township Board and Commissions:

Debra Heuckeroth – Environmental Advisory Board term ending December 31, 2017

Erin Savarese – Park and Recreation Board term ending December 31, 2018

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

### **ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Grossman announced the Board of Supervisors had an Executive Session scheduled before this evening's public meeting where no items were discussed by the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Supervisor Hart, seconded by Supervisor Totten the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.  
Township Manager