

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2018**

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday March 22, 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**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Conditional Use #06-17 - K. Hovnanian, LLC/4006 and 4046 Butler Pike**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors opened the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use #06-17 - K. Hovnanian, LLC/4006 and 4046 Butler Pike – Townhouses in the VC-2 Zoning District.

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  
Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP  
Julie L. Von Spreckelsen, Attorney for the Applicant  
Greg Elko, Engineer, Langan Engineering  
Michael D. Fiorentino, Attorney for Objectors Friends of Abolition Hall  
Celine Childs  
Anita Thallmayer  
William Telegadis  
David Miller  
Tom Crompton  
Sydelle Zove  
Kenneth Parsons

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors continued the public hearing until Thursday, April 26, 2018.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Sterling announced:

The Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for summer camp positions, including CIT's (Counselors in Training), Support Staff, Camp Counselors and Camp Supervisors. Interested applicants should visit the Parks & Recreation page of the Township for more information. Deadline to apply is this Friday, Feb. 23.

Join us for the next Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7 PM at the Spring Mill Fire Company at 1210 E. Hector St. in Conshohocken.

Next shredding day is Saturday, March 10, from 10 am to Noon or until the trucks are full, whichever comes first at the Miles Park lower parking lot. This is a free event for the residents of Whitemarsh, thanks to the sponsorship of Horizon Waste Services. Donations are accepted and appreciated for participating in this event! Contributions will benefit Spring Mill Fire Company and the Township Parks & Recreation Department.

Please save the date for the 2018 Township Day, which is Saturday, April 28 from Noon to 5 pm. Please note that this year's Township Day will be held at Victory Fields due to scheduled construction at Miles Park. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor for Township Day, please visit the Township website for more information.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. February 22, 2018**

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

## **BOARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Ordinances**

None

### **Resolutions**

#### **1. PENNDOT Traffic Signal Approval - Montgomery County Cross County Trail Flashing Beacon on W. Mill Road**

Mr. Mellor explained Montgomery County will be installing a flashing beacon on West Mill Road to create a safe pedestrian mid-block crossing as part of its Cross County Trail. The County requires approval for the installation of the flashing beacon from PENNDOT and the local municipality must be the applicant. In agreeing to be the applicant, the Township has drafted a maintenance agreement with Montgomery County for the flashing beacon. The County will assume full responsibility of the beacon including liability. The Township will handle the maintenance and invoice the County for the costs. If the beacon is no longer needed the County will be responsible to remove the light. This document has been reviewed by the County and our Solicitor's office. The County is still working through some design issues on the Cross County Trail with the anticipated starting date in the later part of 2018.

On a motion by Supervisor Nester, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors **Resolution #2018-07** authorized the submission of the PENNDOT traffic signal application for the Montgomery County Cross County Trail flashing beacon at the mid-block crossing on West Mill Road.

## **Motions**

### **1. Agreement between Whitemarsh Township and Montgomery County**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized entering into an agreement with Montgomery County for the future maintenance of the Cross County Trail flashing beacon at the mid-block crossing on West Mill Road.

### **2. Allocation of Funds – Shredding Day Donations**

Mr. Mellor explained the Annual Spring Shredding Day was held on Saturday, March 10th at the Miles Park Lower Parking Lot from 8am to 12pm. The event was a great success with an estimated 400+ vehicles helping the environment through recycling and protecting their security by shredding personal documents. The Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Spring Mill Fire Company to accomplish a great day. Proshred Security reported that we almost filled two full trucks to capacity. In addition the residents of Whitemarsh were once again very generous with the local organizations donating a total of \$2,957.62 in day-of donations. We express our gratitude to Horizon Waste Services for being an event sponsor to help offset costs. After expenses, the organizational split comes to \$1,439.64 for the Parks and Recreation Department and \$1,439.64 for the Spring Mill Fire Company.

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1,439.64 in donations received from the Spring Shredding Day to Spring Mill Fire Company for volunteering their services in coordinating activities on the day of the event.

### **3. Certificate of Appropriateness - 4066 Butler Pike**

Mr. Guttenplan explained the Certificate of Appropriateness is for 4066 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, for a building addition on the rear of the building. This is the small historic building used for offices in the three-building office condominium complex comprised of 4060, 4066, and 4070 Butler Pike. HARB has been working with the owner over the past few months to work out details of the addition, and at the meeting on March 14th, passed a motion to recommend approval of the addition as shown on the most recent plans.

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for a building addition at 4066 Butler Pike.

#### **4. Resignation – Boards and Commissions**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor McCusker (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Aaron Mittica from the Shade Tree Commission and thank Aaron for his volunteer service to the Whitemarsh Township.

#### **5. February 2018 Expenditures and Payroll and Pension Plan Paid Costs**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved expenditures totaling \$900,567.33; payroll totaling \$579,475.20 and pension paid costs totaling \$6,674.59 for February 2018.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Bob Sague (Westaway Drive) asked about the Valley Green Road bridge. Mr. Mellor explained the county has an engineering firm designing the bridge. Mr. Sague offered a suggestion to move the bridge to enter Bethlehem Pike further down the pike. There was a discussion regarding 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 Real Estate and Litigation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.  
Township Manager

March 22, 2018