



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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425 Wells Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
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Stephanie Mason
215-348-9915

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

In attendance: Chairman Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Member Richard F. Colello, Member Ryan Manion, Member Shawn Touhill, Solicitor Jeffrey Garton, Chief of Police Stephen White, Director of Operations Richard John, Township Engineer Mario Canales and Township Manager Stephanie Mason.

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentations

Temple Judea - Potential Widening of Rogers Road / Township Traffic Engineer

While providing a power point presentation, Township Traffic Consultant; Phil Wursta explained the impact of Rogers Road as it regards to Temple Judea's approved land development. A decent amount of traffic is generated when services ends at Temple Judea and a nearby school. Upon approval of land development for the Pavilion at Furlong, the Grasso Group will install a traffic signal on site allowing traffic from Temple Judea and Rogers Road to access their property. Although this is a preferred plan for traffic flow, Mr. Wursta has two recommendations if the Grasso Group's plan is or not approved.

Mr. Garton added conditions is upon plan approval that Temple Judea either widen Rogers Road or contribute funds to the township for traffic calming measures at approximately \$42,000.00.

The first option is a three lane cross section with 12 foot wide lanes with 12 foot wide shared center turn lane. A traffic signal will be installed at York Road (Route 263) and Rogers Road. By May or June of 2012 design work needs to begin with a 33 foot wide existing right-of-way. This will create an impact of right-of-way required for widening along adjacent properties. The three lanes will then transition into two lanes in order to gradually clear the residential section along where the Grasso property would eventually connect to York Road. Mr. Wursta strongly recommends this option if a traffic signal is installed with no connection into the Pavilion at Furlong.

The second option considers land development approval for the Pavilion at Furlong and consists of a two lane cross section with a total of 14 foot wide curbed lanes. Or, 12 foot wide lanes and 2 foot wide shoulders if curb lanes are not required and depending on drainage issues. Also, a 33 foot wide existing right-of-way will be dependent on a connection into the Grasso site and no traffic signal on York and Rogers Road. If this is the case, no road widening will be required on Rogers Road. Rogers Road will only be used within the vicinity of York Road by the existing properties and Artefact location.

With either option, there may be a credit of \$42,000.00 for traffic calming along Rogers Road. Mr. Wursta installing curb extensions or chicanes. Curb extensions are sometimes referred to as bulb-outs. They are used to narrow part of the road at intersections, so motorist have a feel they are entering a narrowing area. Chicanes are not favorable, because of emergency access and design issues. They are primarily used to reduce crossing distance for pedestrians and improve their line of sight.

Gateway entries can also be considered to reduce speeds, with traffic circles, roundabouts and speed humps for local roads as a good transition into residential areas. Traffic circles are very good to give the appearance of vehicles are entering a different residential area. Roundabouts does not apply to this project well, because of the lack in volume. They also can be expensive and difficult to maintain. Speed humps work very well with the flow of traffic when spaced properly.

Mrs. Lyons asked how many speed humps and how far apart is recommended. Mr. Wursta recommends a gateway treatment installed at the beginning of the residential district by applying six speed humps up to Spring Valley Road for traffic flow at a desired speed. Mr. Wursta added permanent speed humps cost \$7,000 to \$10,000 a piece. Temporary costs \$2,500 to \$3,000 a piece.

Mr. Wursta concluded by recommending from a traffic perspective, Temple Judea consider widening Rogers Road to the Three Lane Cross section and upon land development approval, Pavilion at Furlong consider making changes to the roadway and traffic signal to accommodate the Three Lane Cross section.

A discussion ensued amongst the Board and Mr. Wursta regarding which option would work best with traffic calming on Rogers Road.

Public Comment:

Resident; Joe Gueiros requested the Board consider the church near the Temple Judea site which cannot give any more space for traffic. He asked they be wise and make the right decision and not for what is convenient.

Resident; James Binger of Turkey Lane, Furlong questioned what is proposed for the two properties located to the west of the temple. Mr. Wursta recommends the transition for the residential area be completed before the property. This will provide a tapered area in front of the two residential properties within the right-of-way and will allow for left turns into the Grasso property. Mr. Binger then ask if the plans will include curbing. Mr. Wursta indicated it will include existing curbing.

Resident; Joe O'Malley of 138 Rogers Road commented on Rogers Road not having a wide enough intersection to accommodate traffic flow. Mr. Wursta explained a stop bar is being considered with protectors to allow traffic to turn into the area. He continued by stating with the two lane section options, the road will have no pavement markings. Only 24 inch wide double yellow lines up to the stop bar will be implemented. Mr. Wursta indicated this is a normal and customary procedure to signalized intersections. Mr. O'Malley then urged to the Board to make the intersection safe and not rush the development.

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive questioned who will be paying for traffic light and if the balance of the \$42,000.00 will be credited to the township. Mr. Garton responded the Temple will pay for the traffic light. Mr. Wursta added the next developer will pay for any extensions to the project.

Resident; Mary Lou Streznewski of 22 Brook Drive, Furlong questioned why is Artefact's development assumed without submittal of plans. Mr. Wursta responded as per Penn Dot's regulations, an applicant will need to take access from a lower order road. His recommendations includes preparation if Artefact submits plans only as precautionary. Ms. Streznewski then questioned if the Grasso plans are not approved what traffic calming measures will be implemented?

Mrs. Lyons answered; only the 25 miles per hour speed limit will be in affect. Ms. Manion added the premise of the Township Traffic Consultant was only to provide traffic calming measures. Ms. Streznewski's final question was who will be responsible to supervise the construction and can a sign be posted off Route 313 and Spring Valley Road to prevent construction traffic from entering the residential property. Mr. Canales responded Pickering, Corts and Summerson has a representative on site everyday to over see the construction and the Temple has hired a construction manager. Also, a sign is not necessary at this time, because the construction manager has notified all contractors and subcontractors traffic is prohibited off Rogers Road.

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors direct Temple Judea to widen the frontage along Rogers Road in accordance to their Land Development Plans as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Sensory Trail - Donald Borden

Mr. Colello provided a brief history of the ongoing plans for a Sensory Trail to be located behind Central Park. He thanked Stephanie Mason, Karen Sweeney and township staff, along with Central Bucks School District Behavior Support Specialist; Jill Schweizer, Township Planning Consultant; Judy Stern Goldstein and students at Delaware Valley College for their passion and desire in assisting with this project. He also noted the park will be at no cost to the township and receipt of substantial commitments have already been received.

Park and Recreation member; Donald Borden presented the Board with a sketch of the proposed Sensory Trail Concept. The sensory trail will be geared towards children with autism and who are visual and hearing impaired. The 385 foot trail will include activity paths and stations, a maze, elevated walkway and textured walls. A special feature will be an elevated picture frame where children can view clouds as a framed picture.

Currently, Ms. Schweizer and students at Delaware Valley College are preparing applications for grants. Mr. Borden received a comment from Ms. Schweizer indicating there should be no problem receiving grants. Upon receipt of the grant, Mr. Borden will then present a construction design plan with minimum disturbance to the woodlands for Board approval.

Ms. Manion questioned who will maintain the trail. Mr. Borden answered; once the grant is awarded, an endowment for maintenance and continued expansion will be created. Mr. Borden will also research the possibility of finding local businesses to sponsor the trail and assist with maintenance costs.

It was the consensus of the Board to have the Park and Recreation department move forward with the Sensory Trail Concept and begin the grant application process.

C. Visitors/Public Comment

Public Water & Sewer Advisory Committee member; Joseph Krumenacher informed the Board the feasibility study is not complete to date. Ms. Mason received a call from Carroll Engineering indicating the study has been completed. Mrs. Lyons will contact the authority tomorrow to have the report received by Friday, February 24th.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012.
- B. 2nd Annual Mother/Daughter Tea & Craft, March 25, 2012 at the Market at Del Val at 10:00am

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 7, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion minutes of the February 7, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

- A. Auditor Resignation – Tyler Tomlinson

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors accept the resignation of Tyler Tomlinson, Esquire as one of the township's auditors with regret.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

V. REPORTS

- A. Solicitor

No Report

- B. Police Chief

No Report

- C. Township Engineer

No Report

- D. Manager

No Report

- E. Supervisors – Electronic Documentation – B. Lyons

Mrs. Lyons encouraged the township to work toward going paper less and save money by eliminating paper packets provided to the Board for their meetings and have developers present their plans electronically.

Mr. Touhill reminded the public of the Alternative Revenue Committee first meeting scheduled for March 12, 2011, 6:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Mr. Colello was pleased his goals to receive total support of the Sensory Trail and receipt of the Feasibility Report were accomplished this evening.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012 Trash Hauler Licenses

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the amended 2012 Trash Hauler Permit list.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. Request Authorization to Advertise Amendment to Police Pension Ordinance – Pre-Tax

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Lyons the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize re-advertisement of the amendment to the Police Pension Plan ordinance allowing 5% contribution to be pre-tax.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

C. Land Development Review Extensions

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors grant the Eastburn Tract an extension for submittal of their Preliminary / Final Land Development Plans until March 31, 2012.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors grant the Thompson Organization an extension for submittal of their Preliminary / Final Land Development Plans until April 30, 2012.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

D. Treasurer's Report – February 21, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 21, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

E. Bills List – February 21, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 21, 2012 Bill's List in the amount of \$183,557.59.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resident; Mary Lou Streznewski questioned by the township eliminating paper for the Board's regular meeting, will it interfere with residents who cannot view meetings online to receive

paperwork. Mrs. Lyons responded only the Board members will eliminate paperwork from their meeting packets. No resident will be impacted.

The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn the February 21, 2011 regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary