



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

5:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello, Supervisors; Ken L. Snyder, Shawn Touhill and Ryan Manion.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton, Chief of Police; A. Dean Logan and Township Engineer; Mario Canales.

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentation - PECO Green Region Grant for Heritage Trail – T. Dorrاند, PECO

PECO Energy Manager; Ted Dorrاند presented the Board with a Green Region Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for recognition of the township's conservation efforts and trail development. The township was awarded this grant for four consecutive years. Mr. Dorrاند commended the township efforts such as installing the kiosks and signage along the trails since 2012.

The grant is to assist the township with the ongoing construction of the Heritage Trail which is a shared use, pedestrian and bike trail along South Eastern Road near New Britain and Turk Roads. It will also be part of the townships efforts in connecting pathways and improve access to the parks. The total cost of the project is approximately \$294,000, where a portion was supported by a grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

Upon providing a brief overview of the PECO grant issuing process, Mr. Dorrاند indicated since 2004 approximately 1.6 million dollars in grants were awarded to 210 projects. Mrs. Lyons added; in addition to assisting in funding township projects, PECO offers volunteer groups to assist with the native species garden planting.

Mr. Dorrاند concluded by acknowledging and thanking the township's Public Works Department, Police, staff and Emergency responders for their hard work to support PECO during difficult weather and power outages.

C. Visitors/Public Comments

Member of the Senior Regional Task-force; Ernie Gash of 15 Wilshire Road commented since the task force began telecasting their meetings on DTV, attendance has risen. He reported; twelve residents arrived to watch the recent Senior Track Week for the County of Bucks. Additionally, former County Commissioner Andrew Warren participated in the race. He was very appreciative of the broadcast and thanked everyone for their contribution.

Township Arborist; Ray Hendrick of Spring Valley Road added to Mr. Dorrand's presentation by commenting he receives many compliments of the trail systems during residents and non-residents nature trail walks. With the recent connection along the Neshaminy Creek, the walks will now be able to showcase the many ecosystems along the creeks and Hart's Woods. He thanked the township on their efforts, especially the maintenance department.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM.
- B. Doylestown Township Neighborhood Trail Awareness Day – Sunday, September 20, 2015 – Starting at 8:00 AM. Come hike, bike and walk through Doylestown to get to know the many trails in our area. All tours begin at Doylestown Hospital. For more information on this event please visit our website.
- C. Community Yard Sale, Saturday, October 3, 2014, Central Park, 8:00AM – 1:00PM.
- D. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling - Doylestown Township residents only. The Drop off Site is open every third Saturday of the month, March-December from 9 am to 11 am. Location: New Britain Road access to the back part of CENTRAL PARK
- E. Volunteers NEEDED for a planting at Bridge Point Park – Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 from 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon. Visit our website for further details.
- F. CB Cares Educational Foundation and Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Department are joining in the Global Initiative of Young People Around the World in Performing Arts on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at the Covenant Bank Amphitheater in Central Park

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: August 18, 2015

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the August 18, 2015 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Central Bucks Regional Aging Task Force – Budget and Possible Name Change

Ms. Mason referenced the Central Bucks Regional Aging Task Force Chairman; Kevin Jameson's September 10, 2015 memorandum requesting Board approval to change the name of the current Central Bucks Regional Aging Task Force to the Central Bucks Senior Task Force, have the budget allocated to \$500.00 for a video camera, literature printing for marketing and reserve space on the township's website for additional marketing.

Mr. Touhill made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Central Bucks Regional Aging Task Force name change to the Central Bucks Senior Task Force.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

The Board agreed by consensus to allow the CB Senior Task Force be allocated website space for marketing purposes.

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve \$500.00 be allocated under the Township's budget to have the Task Force purchase a video camera and literature printing for marketing.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

The Bucks County Senior Task Force will be interviewing Mrs. Lyons on October 5, 2015.

V. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No Report

B. Police Chief - Request Police Tenure – Of. S. Pekach

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award Police Officer Stephen F. Pekach tenure upon completing his twelve month training period and requirements was granted and became effective September 3, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

C. Township Engineer

No Report

D. Manager

1. DART Update

Ms. Mason reported she and Mrs. Lyons participated in the Dart Strategic Plan where a copy of the summary report was provided. At the August 26, 2015 meeting, the committee decided to focus on consultant's items listed on the summary to assist in applying for a technical assistance grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn Dot).

2. Schedule Budget Work Session

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule the Township's Work Budget Sessions on October 6, 2015 at 5:00pm, October 14, 2015 at 4:00pm and October 20, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Mrs. Lyons informed all meetings are open to the public and encouraged participation.

E. Supervisors

Mr. Touhill reminded the public the Trail Awareness Day is scheduled for this weekend where four routes of the 27 miles have been planned.

Mr. Touhill commended the Board on their vote to allocate additional funds to the newly renamed Senior Task Force Committee. He then thanked the committee for their hard work, especially Ed Ebenbach and Kevin Jamison

Upon Mrs. Lyons question to clarify the Trail Awareness event location, Ms. Mason explained the walk will begin at 8:00am at the parking lot closest to the parking garage at Doylestown Hospital. The ice cream ride will be begin at 10:00am. All mileage of each ride is noted on the township's website.

Mr. Snyder reported the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) are accepting volunteers to assist in the maintenance of the Native Gardens. Volunteers will meet from 9:00am to 11:00am on the last Saturday of each month. The meeting location will be at the Environmental Educational Center near the pond.

The EAC will conduct a seminar on September 25, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm. The Planting with Purpose, Saving Nature at Home and Beyond program will take place at the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Traffic Advisory Committee is currently accepting volunteers. Currently they are in need of two volunteers and possibly a third in 2016. Anyone interested can contact the Township Manager or stop by the township building.

Mr. Snyder reported the Budget Work Sessions scheduled will be drilling into details of the budget and encouraged anyone interested to attend, participate and ask questions.

Mr. Colello commented on how important volunteers are to the community. He then reported the Planning Commission conducted a site visit at the Bray Tract located at Bristol and Lower State Road. The visit was well attended by residents and staff.

Ms. Manion reported the Telecommunication Advisory Board have two volunteers positions available. She encouraged anyone interested to attend a meeting and schedules can be located on the township's website.

Mrs. Lyons reported on the well-attended Doylestown Dog Park Fido Float event at Fannie Chapman pools.

Mr. Colello commented on the positive response of the recent municipal building tour. Residents were especially impressed with Chief Logan taking the time on overseeing the tour.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Pavilion at Furlong – Sketch Plan (tabled from 8/18/15)

Mrs. Lyons reported the Pavilion at Furlong sketch plan was tabled at the Board of Supervisors August 18, 2015 regular meeting upon a discussion with Temple Judea representatives regarding the proposed access road off Rogers Road through the complex. Mr. Garton added; at the last meeting, a difference in perspective regarding the access road with the residents on whether the road should occur or not was noted.

Heritage Building Group General Counsel; Gia Raffaelli Shore was present on behalf of Temple Judea and explained upon several plan development meetings and revisions of the traffic studies, a no left hand turn was recommended out of the Temple towards Rogers Road as part of land approval. In addition, the Temple was to coordinate with the Grasso Group for a solution to have planning for the entire area. As a result, if the Grasso's plan was built, a cut through would be provided for the Temple Judea congregation out of the synagogue with a traffic light on Route 263. Other options included a no left turn signal and a cut through the Grasso site towards Route 263. Temple Judea is in support of the proposed options where it provides good planning and safe ingress and egress.

Mr. Snyder questioned what is the impact if the cut through is not provided. Ms. Raffaelli answered; a condition is noted on the approval where a traffic light would be proposed at Rogers Road and Route 263. There aren't warrants for the Temple at the intersection. A traffic light was investigated and found not possible. Currently the traffic out of the synagogue turns right which is not an ideal situation. The Temple is looking forward in having a cut through towards a traffic light to provide a better and safer access.

Mrs. Lyons clarified another option to the traffic light is to have the traffic from the Temple make a left hand turn when exiting. Ms. Raffaelli agreed, but the Temple prefers not to have a left hand turn as part of the overall planning as per the development of the site at the time and to prevent restrictions.

Resident; James Bingler of Turkey Lane in Furlong commented on four to five conditions of the development plans from 2009 and 2010, where a no left hand turn was proposed. Mrs. Lyons agreed. Mr. Bingler then questioned if the Temple applied for a permit through the state for a traffic light. Ms. Raffaelli indicated the Temple's and township's traffic engineers supplied the required information and was informed the traffic light was not warranted.

Resident; Anne Woodbury of 680 Spring Valley Road commented how Temple Judea has always been a good neighbor and is appreciative of their efforts to work with the residents. She clarified there are two reasons why she recommended the access road to Rogers Road be eliminated from the proposed plans. The first, is the access is not located across the main entrance of the temple. The traffic would have to drive away from the building, then cross a street through a shopping center to arrive at a traffic light, which does not seem like the best solution. Ms. Raffaelli disagreed and indicated it's more difficult to make a left onto Route 263 where at times the traffic backs up. Additionally, it becomes more dangerous at night during the winter months.

Ms. Woodbury then indicated she is mainly concerned with the traffic increase from the proposed daycare center with pick up and drop offs from Rogers Road. Mr. Garton suggested a Board prospective be provided to answer the question regarding increased traffic from the proposed daycare center. Upon a brief discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Colello indicated the Board of Supervisors agreed on the approach to provide a traffic signal access for Temple Judea. The Board's decision has a great deal of meaning and with good faith agreed to support the plan. He doesn't see a reason to waiver from the original decision and hold up the integrity of the Board.

Chief Logan questioned will the Grasso Tract have any willingness to limit left hand turns from Rogers Road into the access point to help alleviate traffic from Rogers Road to Spring Valley Road. The will enable traffic only to travel from Route 263 with limit no left hand turn signage. Grasso Group Traffic Engineer; Philip W. Wursta answered; limiting left turns from Rogers Road will not impact the site. Mr. Snyder clarified if the traffic can be controlled. Mr. Wursta answered; there is no traffic engineer reason not to have the road open. The result will provide convenience and protection from residents who perceive an issue. Townships have the right and opportunity to restrict a driveway or road that access one of their roads. He prefers to wait until a problem arises and go from there. Allowing access now will be prudent to keep open. It could work but places a burden on the police.

Ms. Raffaelli indicated Temple Judea is not in favor of having additional restriction on the access to the synagogue, unless a public safety issue is involved. However, previous traffic report recorded no issues. The limit left hand turns will be difficult to enforce, places a burden on the synagogue and not warranted. Chief Logan clarified he is proposing to restrict movements from Spring Valley Road towards Route 263, then a left into the shopping center. There will be not restrictions making a right turn into the synagogue.

Mr. Snyder questioned what is the anticipated traffic dedicated solely to the daycare. Mr. Scott Mills of Van Cleef Engineering answered; the daycare center is proposing 120 children. He is unsure how many cars it will translate to. Mrs. Lyons noted four entrances into the site from different directions.

Resident: Gwen Bernstein commented with a proposed daycare, the increase in traffic will include buses to transport the children. Mrs. Lyons responded; the daycare will be considered a private facility.

Resident: Bob Barber of 42 Kuhn Drive commented on the increased traffic off of Rogers Road and suggested if the proposed sketch plan is passed, the Board consider placing speed bumps for traffic control.

Ed Murphy requested direction from the Board regarding the Rogers Road access and if it should move forward with the current engineering sketch plan.

Mrs. Lyons noted the access road issue has moved forward. Mr. Colello added; the Board is only approving the original access where other issues with imperious is still pending. Mr. Murphy agreed and indicated the first issue is to maintain the current sketch plan with the Rogers Road access. The second issue is to address the merits of the plan, but requested direction from the Board.

Ms. Manion stated there is still a wide gap with plans in terms of imperious and would like a new plan submitted closer to the township requirements. Mr. Snyder agreed.

Resident; Cecile Balizet of Foxcroft Drive commented a previous number of student proposed for the daycare was 240. Mr. Murphy responded; his records never noted a total amount of students at 240. She then commented drop off and pick up are a very stressful time where drivers will speed and cut through. She is also concerned with speeding off Spring Valley Road and commented their safety should be highly considered.

Upon Mrs. Lyons question, Mr. Murphy indicated the current imperious on site is at 45% with the variance requested for parking. Mrs. Lyon stated she has no issue with the relief to lower the imperious. She then acknowledged the effort from the applicants to comply with the ordinances to submit a viable sketch plan. Mrs. Lyons indicated it would be appreciated if the imperious can be bridged to receive full support from the Board, but understands if it cannot. She believes the applicants are in the right direction, but cannot provide guidance with engineering.

Mr. Touhill questioned if the applicants can do more to reduce the imperious. Mr. Murphy answered; a balance was attempted to be drawn with what the ordinance provides, the by right plan with other types of uses and the impact as a result. Mr. Murphy believes the current sketch plans provides a balance at 45% of imperious surface as oppose to 40%. Mrs. Lyons questioned what will the applicant do if the current sketch plan was denied. Mr. Murphy answered; a by right plan will be designed with an industrial use in the back of the property and some retail in the front, which was previously rejected. The current plan provides an increase buffer for the adjacent residents where it was one of the main concerns of the previous plans submitted.

Mr. Touhill commented the applicants will need to decide what is the best option to have the plans approved. However with the second option of an industrial plan, Mr. Touhill is not opposed to the current sketch plan, if that it's the best that can be accomplished.

A discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding other issues needed to be addressed, such as imperious and balance between the residents and the township.

Resident; Cecile Balizet commented the smaller parking spaces proposed are too small, only 5% to 7% of the parking are within the township's code. She indicated the option is not considering the residents and suggested cutting one of the strip mall's stores to reduce imperious.

Resident; James Bingler commented the sketch plans are way over the required impervious surface. There are certain items not noted on the plans that will affect the imperious, such as a water system. Mr. Bingler noted the parking spaces proposed are similar in space to a residential garage. He continued the

plan has a 25% increase in what the township ordinance allows in imperious and is too much for the property.

Upon a discussion amongst the Board regarding the options, Mr. Garton stated the applicants will need to revise the current plan with manageable, reasonable and consistent numbers. Mr. Murphy responded; the current sketch plan has been revised twice and is unsure if the plan can continue to be revised. Mrs. Lyons urged Mr. Murphy to make an attempt revising the plan, because support cannot be offered with the current macadam. Mr. Colello added; each project needs to be viewed on its own merit and all the give back provided was within the township's ordinance. Mr. Colello indicated he is not in favor of the current sketch plan with the 45% imperious.

Mr. Murphy agreed to try and revised the plan.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grant Application – Tree Vitalize

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Environmental Advisory Committee to apply for the 2016 TreeVitalize Grant in the amount of \$4,200 where the township match will be 75/25 and can be completed through volunteers and staff time for planting. The grant will be allocated toward Neamand's Trail.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. 2016 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors acknowledges receipt and notification of the 2016 Financial Requirement and Minimum Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$376,141 , the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$328,165 and the Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution of \$30,479.

C. Eagle Scout Proclamation – Jacob Scupp, Troop 6

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize Boy Scout Troop 6 member; Jacob Scupp be awarded rank of Eagle Scout at the September 26, 2015 Court of Honor ceremony.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

D. Treasurers Report – September 15, 2015

Ms. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the September 15, 2015 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

E. Bills List – September 15, 2015

Ms. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the September 15, 2015 Bill's List in the amount of \$386,227.85.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

The September 15, 2015 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary