

Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB) via ZOOM
Meeting Notes: May 10, 2021

Members Present: Ed Ebenbach (Chairman), Art Zapolski, David Laustsen, Jenya Shuportyaka, Kris Ballerini

At-Large Members Present: Jean Laustsen

Board of Supervisors: Nancy Santacecilia

Quorum: Yes

Township Manager: Stephanie Mason

Special Projects Coordinator: Aaron Walizer

Proceedings:

- Meeting - Called to order at 6:33 pm by Mr. Ebenbach.
- Minutes from the April 12th meeting were approved with a motion by Art Zapolski, seconded by Kris Ballerini, and passed unanimously.
- Boards/Commissions Annual Reports Update: The first three videos for Zoning Hearing Board, Ways and Means and TAB are in circulation and were presented at the BOS meeting. The plan is to introduce three per meeting with the next rotation covering Bike and Hike, Dog Park, and DTMA.
- Mission and Vision Statement update – Aid to other Boards/Commissions Excellent work comprised, drafted, and sorted by Jenya and Aaron to high praise from all board members. Next step will be to draft a transmittal letter to other boards.
- Proposal for June Meeting - Stephanie, Jean and Ed will compile existing video material on Trails and Parks. The aim will be to meet in-person in June review approximately 15 minutes of this video. We will also review the Interactive Trails Map project underway in the Bike and Hike committee. Finally, we will discuss how TAB can proceed to develop material to help this project.
- Programming Projects –
 - Coronavirus Interviews/Vignettes: No new updates from Mr. Zapolski.
 - Municipal Authority Video: No new updates.
 - School District Programs: We currently have one school concert running on Thursdays at 9 pm, and may possibly obtain access to one more concert.
 - Roundabouts on S Main - Art reiterated his interest in this project, and Stephanie Mason indicated that we might be able to obtain material from PennDOT when this project gets going. We all agreed to keep our eye on it but that as of now it is not urgent.
- Social Media Status: The Group reviewed two Resolutions (1730 and 1719, both from 2019) to identify the current Social Media content rules. These policies focused more on what we could not do, rather than what we could do. As such, it is not a proactive same mission statement as our board. The policies were written at a time when social media was new, which raised the question for the Board as to whether these are too antiquated and need to be updated. Art and Aaron agreed to review them and try to identify changes that could be made to make the policies more generic and open-ended

to accommodate the emergence of new technologies such as Zoom, etc. Once the policy has been reviewed and updated it will need to be reviewed by the solicitor.

- Meeting Room Acoustics: Armstrong has been helping and quotes should be coming in soon. The plan is to present a recommendation at the June 15 BOS meeting to purchase fiberglass panels 2" in thickness based on the quotes we receive. The last quote had an 8-week delivery lead time before installation could start, which suggests that installation could start around the end of summer.
- Verizon Franchise Agreement: Bill Wert from Northampton Township is working with townships on the agreement. It seems to be going smoothly and no further information was needed from us. We are in a holding pattern, waiting for communication between Verizon and the consortium.
- Verizon Franchise Negotiations Update: Ms. Mason stated that the attorney group for the consortium is working on the documentation, but there have been no new updates.
- Other Business:
 - A concern was brought up by Supervisor Santacecilia about Neshaminy Manor residents being offered help with their cable bills. Stephanie agreed to reach out to Margie McKeivitt (County COO) for clarification as she thought they had already worked with Comcast and with Marguerite Quinn to address those concerns.
 - Kris asked whether we offered police information or tips on the DTV channel. The answer was that the Police use the Internet Service Crimewatch to communicate.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kris Ballerini