

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 16, 2017**

Call to Order: Chairwoman Eckman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairwoman Eckman, Supervisors Duffy, MacFarland, Sorgini and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police; Community Relations Coordinator Denise Walsh and Jennifer Reed, Student Representative.

Chairwoman Eckman announced that prior to the meeting the Board met to discuss legal and personnel matters. She announced that the discussion of S-16-02 Anderko – 37 Crawford Preliminary Subdivision Plan had been removed from the agenda at the request of the developer.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of March 2, 2017 into the record. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0-2 with Supervisors Duffy and MacFarland abstaining due to their absence at the February 16 meeting.

2) Presentations and Commendations

- A) Commendations to Sgt. Matthew Kuhnert, Julia Caldwell and Kelly Magyar for their life-saving efforts on December 21, 2016 at St. Gabriel's Hall. The three provided rescue efforts to an unresponsive victim who has since made a full recovery.
- B) Presentation by Nathan Schadler, Lower Providence Business Association.
 - i) Mr. Schadler reviewed the scope and goals of the Lower Providence Business Association, saying they seek an open flow of communication between the business community and the Township. They would like to see a partnership between the Township and local businesses. They meet first Tuesday of every month. He extended an invitation to the Board of Supervisors to attend a meeting.
 - ii) Chairwoman Eckman thanked the Association said they are thrilled at the interest of the business community and are looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish together..

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of Audubon Square V phasing amendment.
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the amendment, describing the change in road construction sought by the applicant. He said that Mr. Woodrow and Mr. Moore have reviewed and approved the change. Solicitor Rice said the applicant is required to post a performance bond, submit a new drawing and provide an addendum to the existing development agreement. He noted that their counsel has been informed of these conditions and is working on providing the additional documentation.
 - ii) Mr. Mrozinski said that he spoke to Brad Macy of Audubon Land Development and also stated that there needed to be documentation from Audubon Land Development for these

changes. He said that this amendment is a result of an unanticipated impact on an exiting tenant and that this phasing amendment will allow them time to rectify this situation.

- iii) Mr. Woodrow said that this is a rather large undertaking they are doing in order to preserve the relationship and felt it was appropriate to approve.
- iv) Chairwoman Eckman asked if they needed to wait for the plans before granting an extension. Solicitor Rice said the Board could approve the amendment based on previously stated conditions being met.
- v) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the change in plan, subject to conditions put forth by Solicitor Rice. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Request for Extension of the review process for Phase III plan for Shannondell

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the extension request. The developer seeks to extend the review period for an additional year to March 21, 2018.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to grant an extension of the review process for Phase III plan for Shannondell to expire on March 21, 2018. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) The Library Board meeting will be held on March 20 at 7:30 p.m.
- B) The Library's wine tasting fundraiser will be held March 25. Details and tickets are available online at www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org.
- C) The Planning Commission meeting will be held March 22 at 7 p.m.
- D) The Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held March 23 at 7 p.m.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski said the Planning Commission will discuss W.B. Homes Townhomes' request for a preliminary plan recommendation and a request from Streamlight for an addition to an existing building.
 - ii) Mr. Mrozinski said that the Zoning Hearing Board will deliberate and render a decision on the variance requests requested by Providence Place as well as hear four additional applications including a request to move an existing business into an industrial park, a variance for a garage on their property, a request for an addition and a request to consolidate lots.

5) Comments and Other Business

- A) Supervisor Duffy thanked Mr. Primus and the public works department for exceptional job in clearing the streets during the recent storm.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland gave an update on the Business Development committee. He said that the Supervisors, as a group, are supportive of and interested in developing the Township to the benefit of the residents and business owners. He said they would like to make the public better aware of these efforts and are holding an open house at Chadwick's Restaurant on April 19 to discuss traffic improvements and business development currently underway. He said that more information will be forthcoming and would like to see as many people as possible to come out and discuss what is happening in the Township
- C) Chairwoman Eckman said that John James Audubon Center will hold "Friends of the Feather" on April 22. The public is invited to the event, which will include cocktails and dinner and will honor Dr. Roberta Olson and Jean Rogers Holt. She said more information is available on the Center's website.
- D) Jennifer Reed, student representative, reported on the events at Methacton High School including Mr. Methacton. She stated that the Methacton Mini-thon will be held March 17 in support of

pediatric cancer. The Methacton School District String Jamboree will be held March 23 and the Film Festival will be held on March 31. Ms. Reed said that this year's prom theme is "Enchanted Forest" and volunteers are now being solicited for help with set-up and operation of the post prom event. She said that in 2016 nearly 90% of prom attendees attend the post-prom event.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

A) James Watters, Featherbed Lane, thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts during the snowstorm. He expressed his concerns about power and electrical issues in the Township and related his meetings with elected officials in an effort to address what he considers to be a considerable safety issue. Mr. Watters presented the Board with a DVD he had prepared highlighting these issues and asked for the Board's approval to use clips from televised meetings so that he can publish the video on YouTube.

7) Adjournment

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: April 6, 2017
 April 20, 2017