

Mr. Kennedy, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were: Commissioners McKenzie, Eckles, Milazzo and Miller. Also present were Jason M. Bobst; Christen Pionzio, Esquire; Kathy K. Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Jon Dzedzy and Ed Brown. There were eleven (11) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

**Manager**

Mr. Bobst noted that a new format for the Agenda is being utilized which includes attachments, making them available to all via the website. Thereafter, the items on the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting were enumerated and addressed by Mr. Bobst as follows:

1. An MS4 presentation will made by Cedarville Engineering next week at the Board's regular meeting;
2. John Jaros, Esquire, Jim Yanni, owner, and John Gallagher, Esquire were present at the meeting to give an overview of the Blue Dove Basin property, its proposed use and to answer questions regarding the requested waiver of land development. Ms. Pionzio reminded the Board that we sued the previous owners of the property over the condition of the basin and that, as a result thereof, the basin was drained, but not fixed. According to Ms. Pionzio, the requested waiver of land development does not waive any of the requirements to satisfy the engineers or comply with ordinances, it just reduces the time frame and results in slightly less fees. Ms. Milazzo inquired about the proposed number of trees to be removed from the riparian corridor. Mr. Yanni replied that he does not know as of yet, but the he would like to replace some trees in another area and would like to "save" the nice trees. Ms. Eckles inquired if the escrow amount is the same as a construction bond, while Mr. Kennedy asked if staff has reviewed the plans, etc.;
3. Regarding the RFP for Township Solicitor, Ms. Eckles inquired if the Solicitor is a Public Official of the Township;
4. The proposed amendment to the Residential Parking Permit Program would be for a period of 24 hours. Also, consideration is being given for the inclusion of N. Wakefield Road and Highland Avenue to the Program due to H & H auto body utilizing those roads for parking. Per Mr. Bobst, we will check into abandoned vehicles and the number of vehicles permitted by Code;

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5. Mr. Bobst read a memo he prepared to the Commissioners regarding the overlap of the EAC and the Open Space Committee and noted that the Open Space Committee has not met since 2006. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Miller about the number of

members on the committee, Mr. Bobst inquired stated no less than 3, but no more than 9. Ms. Milazzo suggested a committee of 5 members and asked if the EAC may include associate members. Mr. Kennedy suggested that we accept additional applications for the EAC until next month thereby allowing any current Open Space Committee members interested in serving on the EAC the time to apply. Accordingly, Mr. Bobst stated that letters will go out tomorrow to the Open Space Committee members regarding same. Also, Mr. Bobst suggested not to renew the Government Study Committee;

6. The proposed Amendment to the Non-Uniform DROP is from a term of 3 years to a term of 4 years to comply with the current AFSCME contract;
7. Appointments for remaining Board and Commissions will be made at the Board's meeting next week;
8. Per Mr. Miller, the goal is to live-stream the Township meetings and perhaps create a dialog between the Board and the online participants. It was suggested by Mr. Miller to have a high school student film and live-stream the meeting. Ms. Pionzio noted that the interaction component to this causes her pause;
9. If approved in 2018, EIT or tax credit would be given in 2019 for 2018 participation by firefighters and EMT personnel after criteria is met. Per Mr. Bobst, this is to incentivize firefighters and EMT personnel. Ms. Milazzo asked if both EIT and tax credits are given or either one or the other. Also, the suggestion of a stipend was mentioned as opposed to a credit;

Mr. Bobst reviewed the current Resolution for Decorum at Township Meetings. A discussion followed and several suggestions were made by the Board, including, but not limited to, the use of a sign-in sheet for public comment, inclusion of a public comment portion of work sessions, an update or blog on the website prior to meetings to update on certain items, and discretion of the Board president as to public comment. Mary Ellen Moran expressed her displeasure with the idea of a signup sheet for public comment stating "everyone wants to speak last".

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Thereafter, was agreed by the Board that the issue of public comment at meetings will be tabled until next month to get some information and feedback.

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Regarding discussion items and status updates:

It was shared by President Kennedy that he recently sat down with Ms. Tureau of the Norristown Area School Board to discuss school district

possibility of acquiring school district property at Burnside Avenue & W. Main Street.

Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming Planning Commission meeting of February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM and the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.

There being no further items on the Agenda, upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Kathy K. Frederick  
Assistant Secretary

## **Adjournment**

