

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; and Jon Dzedzy. There were eleven (11) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Presentation Fair Districts PA presented information supporting the creation of an impartial citizens commission in charge of drawing lines for both legislative and congressional redistricting. According to the representatives from Fair Districts PA, they support PA Senate Bill 22 and PA House Bill 722, both bipartisan proposals and are seeking the Township's support. Mr. Miller expressed his thanks for the "informative presentation" and inquired if any of our representatives were cosponsoring the commission. It was stated that all three of our representatives, Rafferty, Corr & Briggs, were supporting it. Ms. Milazzo asked about safeguards to prevent money from influencing the selection process. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, and unanimously agreed, a proposed Resolution in support of the redistricting will be added to the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting.

Manager The remaining items on the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting were enumerated and addressed by Mr. Bobst as follows:

- A. Consideration of a zoning map amendment for the 250'-300' of property from 1956-1966 W. Main Street which is now a mixed zoning of commercial and R2-2. A potential buyer would like to have the entire property zoned commercial. The process would involve a map amendment with notices sent to the surrounding residents and a hearing, planning commission and hearing. Questions were raised by Ms. Milazzo and Ms. Eckles regarding clarification of the boundaries and buffer plantings;
- B. A request to advertise the bid for the 2018 Street Paving Project for six (6) roads (Colonial, Horseshoe, Heston, Montgomery, Spring and Farm) and two (2) alternates (Rose and Betzwood). It was mentioned by Mr. Bobst that the repaving of Port Indian Road would be a focus in the year 2019 after addressing storm water issues. Mr. Kennedy inquired about the status of PennDOT's repaving of W. Main Street, which is slated for fall of 2018;
- C. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2018-718 amending the Residential Parking Permit Program as advertised;

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service agencies, Mr. Bobst noted that Act 172 of 2016 only addresses tax credits and we want to accomplish the same goal, but through our own channels so as to reach more volunteers.

- E. Ms. Eckles suggested that a letter of support for the requested variance of Outside Unlimited LLC be sent by the Board to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Kennedy opened up the work session for public comment.

Public Comment

Jim Thompson, 2113 Hemlock, stated that he appreciated the opportunity to speak and that, on behalf of himself and his fellow members of West Norriton United, he opposes the appointment of a new township solicitor. Mr. Thompson inquired as to the need and the benefits of making a change in solicitor and noted that, in the interest of transparency, these questions should be addressed.

James Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane, thanked Christen for her service with regard to the Blue Dove Basin issue, and inquired if we could get VRJ to pay for the road repairs at Port Indian.

Items were discussed/updated as follows:

Discussion/ Update on Status

- A. A discussion on the process for right-of-way acquisition of intersections of Burnside & Chestnut Avenues and Trooper Road & Chestnut Avenue was had. Per Mr. Bobst, we will talk to residents regarding the taking of ground for the intersections and design;
- B. Creation of a planning committee for the 35th anniversary of National Night Out on August 7th;
- C. Requests for Proclamations were made by Ms. Milazzo for the West Norriton Little League and for Chap's 20th anniversary in business in the township by Mr. Kennedy;
- D. It was noted by Mr. Bobst that three (3) interviews are scheduled for April 5th in accordance with the responses received to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Legal Services;
- E. Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming Planning Commission meeting of April 16th @ 7:30 PM regarding the W. Main Street

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Corridor Study, and the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for April 18th, which was continued from March 21st due to snow) at 7:00 PM would be for the applications of Mobilitie, LLC for right-of-way near 510 S. Trooper Road and Outside Unlimited, LLC for a variance at Lot 227, Valley Forge Business Center (Blue Dove

Basin); and

- F. Mr. Kennedy mentioned that, going forward, the Board will include a public comment portion on the work session agenda.

Final comments were offered by Mr. Miller, who thanked Mr. Dzedzy and his department for the “brilliant” Easter Egg Hunt, while Mr.

Kennedy noted that the course at JGC is “looking great” and that the recent par 3 tournament was “nice”. Mr. Bobst reminded all of the upcoming dedication of the Zachary Wallace Playground at Padden Park on June 2nd.

There being no further items on the Agenda, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Adjournment

Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary

