

September 4, 2018

Mr. Kennedy, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were Commissioners McKenzie, Eckles and Milazzo while Commissioner Miller joined the meeting via telephone. Also, present were Jason M. Bobst; Sean Kilkenny, Esquire; Kathy K. Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; and Michael Valyo. There were eleven (11) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Announcements *Mr. Kennedy reiterated his intention to resign as President of the Board, which he announced at the Board's most recent regular meeting on August 14, 2018. A motion to accept Mr. Kennedy's resignation was made by Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Eckles and approved by the Board. Ms. Eckles nominated Mr. Miller as President, which nomination was seconded by Ms. Milazzo. Mr. Kennedy nominated Mr. McKenzie as President; however, no second to that nomination was made so the nomination was quashed. A vote on Mr. Miller as President was made and approved by the Board 4-1 with Mr. Kennedy dissenting. A nomination for Ms. Eckles as Vice President was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and approved by the Board by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Kennedy dissenting. Ms. Eckles took control of the meeting and turned it over to Mr. Bobst for Agenda items.*

Manager *A power point presentation of the planned improvements of the Jeffersonville Golf Club clubhouse was shown by Mr. Bobst who noted that 30,000 – 40,000 rounds of golf are played on the course each year with only 2% of players being residents so there is a great potential for generating revenue from the influx of players. Ms. Eckles and Mr. Miller inquired about the banquet facilities and parking, while Mr. Kennedy stated "This is going to be a marquee facility."*

Per Mr. Bobst, the swearing in of Corporal Andrew Oreo will take place at the Board's meeting of September 11, 2018.

Chief Mabry gave an update on the hiring process of the police officers by stating that the written and physical tests, as well as the oral boards, have been completed and the Civil Service Commission is to meet on 9/6 to review the scores. Ms. Eckles inquired if the Chief is satisfied with the candidates. It was mentioned by Mr. Bobst that it will take approximately 3 months of training for the new officers to be "on the street" alone.

According to Mr. Bobst, the bid opening for the paving of Joseph Street & Beaver Hollow Road is scheduled for 9/6 with a recommendation for awarding at the Board meeting on 9/14.

The Board will be required to agree on the negotiated settlement figure of the assessment appeal for 2435 Boulevard of the Generals, per Mr. Bobst.

**Discussion/
Update on
Status**

The items on the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting were enumerated and addressed as follows:

- A. Mr. Kilkenney explained that his office was requested by the Board to look into and update the Group Home Ordinance and also look into sober living homes. The definition of group homes was highlighted by Mr. Kilkenney, as well as the requirements of such facilities. According to Mr. Kilkenney, Board is being proactive and the goal is to set defining parameters and guidelines/regulations, not open up the township to all group homes. Likewise, sober living homes have similar to the regulations, but are unique in some aspects said Mr. Kilkenney. Mr. Bobst noted that we are “tweaking” what we have on the books for new ADA case law. Mr. Miller and Ms. Eckles inquired about the number of group homes currently in the Township and the transport of residents from one sober living home to another.*
- B. Adoption of a proposed Ordinance re: ratifying cost sharing with NASD for appraisals will be considered where the Township agrees to pick up 10% of the costs of appraisals.*
- C. The proposed Ordinance re: wireless communications facilities amends the current Ordinance to protect the Township’s ability to regulate rights-of-way for antennae fixtures.*
- D. Regarding the Responsible Contractor Ordinance, Mr. Kennedy requested “for the betterment of the Township” to delay the enactment until 1/2019 to entertain discussion and gather more information on potential litigation and class A apprenticeships. Mr. Kilkenney suggested repealing the Ordinance or just the section thereof regarding apprenticeships. Mr. Milazzo stated that does not see a purpose in that and that she will not support a repeal. Mr. Kennedy again reiterated his request to repeal the Ordinance.*
- E. Adoption of the Ordinances regarding fireworks sales and storage in the I-Industrial District and the amendment of the Code to add a section regarding fireworks usage was explained by Mr. Kilkenney.*

Public Comment *Mr. Kilkenney read the regulations regarding public comment.*

Anthony Uhrich of Alexander Drive requested clarification of the intersections slated for improvement under the ARLE grant and which portion of Main Street falls under the Main Street Corridor Study. Also, Mr. Uhrich inquired about the status of PennDOT's paving of W. Main Street. Mr. Uhrich further expressed his concerns over the land clearing on Barbados Island as there is a nest of eagles there (perhaps bald eagles, per Mr. Uhrich). It was suggested that Mr. Uhrich address this issue with the EAC at its meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Kilkenney informed Mr. Uhrich to wrap up his comments as his 5-minute time limit was up. Mr. Kenney objected to Mr. Kilkenney's comment noting that he is legal counsel to the Board and is here in that capacity. Finally, Mr. Uhrich stated that he is in support of the motion to repeal the Responsible Contractor Ordinance.

Ms. Matthews of Forrest Avenue inquired about the date of the application of the group home on Forrest Avenue and if a rental home gets held to the same standards as any other home. The specific concerns of Ms. Matthews were explained as regards a single resident with mental issues and numerous police calls to the property. Chief Mabry acknowledged the problem and explained the 302 involuntary commitment process and Building 50 housing for mental health crises. Mr. Bobst inquired of Mr. Kilkenney how can we communicate our concerns as the subject individual is creating an undue burden. Ms. Matthews asked if the proposed group home/sober living home ordinance is in anticipation of the closing of the Norristown State Hospital and finding somewhere for those residents to live. According to Ms. Matthews, she attended the meeting with the State Hospital and got the clear impression that each municipality would be responsible to take some of the "consumers". According to Mr. Bobst, he is not aware of any requirement to take on any of the consumers, that we were never approached with that, and that our buildings should still be operational. In response to Ms. Matthews final comment regarding the Ordinance and removal of substance abuse, Mr. McKenzie stated that no changes were made to the Ordinance to allow convicts, drug addicts, etc., just to clarify the rules for residency.

Kim Haymans-Geisler of 1810 Ardin Drive, inquired why we are enacting/amending the group home and sober living home ordinance at this time and asked that this issue be tabled until we can get information on this and the number of residents it involves. Ms.

Haymans Geisler also questioned the Fair Housing Act and it giving the township authority to regular less than 6 residents, but not 6 or over. Mr. Kilkenny advised that he would examine this issue further and answer questions next week. In response to Ms. Haymans Geisler inquiry about the ability to set off fireworks from The Farm Park, Mr. Bobst replied no as the Farm Park is public property.

Lynn Watters of 1 E. Indian Lane inquired if the Township has considered solar energy for the Jeffersonville Golf Club clubhouse. Per Mr. Bobst, the clubhouse will be set up to accommodate solar whether pre or post construction.

James Watters, III gave a public safety presentation and requested erection of signs reading "Wipers on, Lights on. It's the Law" on Main Street, as, according to Mr. Watters, Royersford is utilizing the signs and he believes they are legal. Mr. Watters also indicated that he had made and paid for from his own funds, bumper stickers with the same slogan which he requested be placed on all Township vehicles.

Charles Campbell, 45 School Lane, expressed his interest in seeing plans for the new maintenance building being erected on the Jeffersonville Golf Club as he is concerned over water run-off, fuel storage, etc. since his property is adjacent to the course. Mr. Bobst offered to set up a meeting with Mr. Campbell and the engineer to review the plans.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the Agenda, upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

*Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary*

