

October 2, 2018

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

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Presentation A power point presentation of the vision for the W. Main Street
M. Dobbs, MCPC corridor was prepared and shown by Maggie Dobbs from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. In addition to the vision, the presentation included sections on the proposed goals, plan components, planning process, areas of improvement, amendments and decorative treatments. According to Ms. Dobbs, the corridor is comprised of three sections with separate set-backs for each section as follows: Eastern Section – 20'; Western Section 35' and Southern side of Western Section – 50'. Several questions and comments were presented, including, but not limited to: Ms. Milazzo's inquiry regarding the possibility of compelling the utility companies to clean up their respective utilities; Ms. Haymans-Geisler asking about the possibility of angled parking with a "backing in" restriction; and Mr. Bobst's inquiry if the recommendations will apply to the plan coming up for the 1956-1968 W. Main Street development. Ms. Dobbs noted that the vision plan is not in place yet, but that she would "like the developers to work with us" in that regard.

**Discussion/
Update on
Status**

- A. Mr. Bobst noted that five (5) applications have been received for the Human Relations Commission and that the next step is the appointments and training. In response to Ms. Milazzo's comment that additional individuals may want to apply, President Miller suggested that an additional week be given for the acceptance of new applications.
- B. It was announced by Mr. Bobst that the budget will be presented to the Board by the end of October, and formally to the public at the Board's Work Session in November, with adoption thereof slated for the December 11th Board meeting. Preliminarily, per Mr. Bobst, revenues and EIT are flat, the expenses and sewer are up and golf is down, but we have a cash reserve which we did not have in 2012.
- C. The Frank C. Parker Jr. Post will present its Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year awards at the Board's regular meeting next week, according to Mr. Bobst.
- D. At the recommendations of the EAC, Mr. Bobst requested the Board authorize staff to draft a Resolution requiring the Township use of a minimum of 80% native plantings in its projects. Ms. Eckles inquired why not 100%. To which Mr. Bobst replied that some plantings require deep rooting or

erosion control, for example, and those plants are not always native, but necessary.

Manager

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

- A. Adoption of 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.*
- B. Hearing and possible adoption of proposed Ordinance 2018-723 Amending Zoning Ordinance for Sale and Storage of Consumer Fireworks in I-Industrial District.*
- C. Possible adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 2018-724 Ratifying an Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement with NASD for Appraisal Services.*
- D. A hearing and possible adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 2018-725 Amending Zoning Ordinance to Add Permitting of Sober Living Homes by Special Exception and to Amend Certain Definitions and Provisions Related to Group Homes.*

Public Comment

James Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane advised the Board that he saw an organic gardening presentation at the Farm Park Advisory Board meeting and is suggesting same for Barbados Island. Also, Mr. Watters expressed his concerns over the state dropping the ball on the Lantern Bug problem, and also the sale of the sewer plant. In an effort to have the "Wipers On, Lights On. It's the Law" bumper stickers placed on all NASD buses, Mr. Watters stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent of the NASD. Also, Mr. Watters indicated that would like to arrange a "field trip" to the Blue Marsh to heighten awareness of the damn situation. Finally, in response to an inquiry by Mr. Watters about the status of videotaping the Board meetings, Mr. Bobst announced that he made a presentation to the Board of a system and that it will be in place as soon as Verizon's work is in place.

Upcoming Meetings

The schedule of the upcoming meetings for the following boards and commissions were announced by Mr. Bobst: EAC on October 3rd @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission on October 15th @ 7:00 PM regarding the Main Street Corridor Study, and TLC Drain & Sewer Headquarters @ 1956-1968 W. Main Street; and no Zoning Hearing Board. President Miller commented on the upcoming meeting regarding the Norristown State Hospital and noted that, "despite our best efforts", our request for change of meeting date due to it conflicting with our monthly Board meeting "did not go our way".

Adjournment

There being no further items on the Agenda, upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

*Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary*

