

COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2017

In attendance:

Council

Deborah Tustin
Mark McCouch
Tom Johnson
Gregory S. Nesbitt
W. William Whiteside

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Mary C. Eberle, Esq - Solicitor
Erik Garton, PE – Engineer

President Tustin opened the Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM in the Horsham Community Center, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

Ms. Tustin asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Walker announced grants the Township received for the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program for sidewalks on Dresher Road and the Green Light-GO Program for Welsh Rd (PA-63) Corridor Fiber Optic & Signal Upgrade Project

A presentation was made by Christine Pionzio, Esq. on the rezoning plan for the Hankin property on Easton Road, between Moreland Ave and County Line Road. The powerpoint presentation is attached to these minutes. Council asked questions and provided feedback on the plan.

Ms. Tustin opened questions and comments from the public on the rezoning plan for the Hankin property.

Mr. Doug Wilson – 631 West County Line Road. Expressed concern of speeding on the new collector road. Mr. Wilson also commented that he liked the new plan and would rather see the Hankin property be developed into a neighborhood instead of an industrial use building.

Mr. Todd Conn – 608 Brumar Drive. Requested to make six proposed twin homes close to Maple Park into single family dwellings. Ms. Pionzio explained to Mr. Conn that after her client preformed many studies that they do not feel the plan is feasible without the proposed twin homes and could not provide the connector road.

Mr. John Morrell – 523 W. County Line Road. Expressed his concerns of increased traffic from the proposed development. Mr. Morrell stated that he rather the property be developed as the proposed residential community instead of the industrial use building.

Ms. Susan Wilson – 28 Harcourt Lane. Commented that she would rather see the plan with all single family dwelling homes. Ms. Wilson also expressed concern of the number of proposed kids that would be in the development.

Ms. Kathy Weychert - 520 Buckman Drive. Expressed concerns of the Stormwater coming from the new development. Mr. Eric Garton, P.E. explained that any proposed development in Horsham Township has to go through many steps for stormwater remediation before development. He explained that any water that leave the Hankin site will be less volume and slower rate.

Ms. Mary Dare – 99 Crabapple Drive. Ms. Dare distributed a handout with 21 questions regarding the proposed development. Ms. Dare questioned if there would be street parking on the connector road through the neighborhood. Ms. Pionizio explained that each home will have two car garage and two car parking in the drive way. She also showed that the plan calls for parking lots for visitors to avoid street parking.

Ms. Maureen Malachowski – 631 Winding Road. Commented that she liked the proposed neighborhood plan.

Mr. Chris Kimmel - 17 Latchstring Lane. Commented that the plan should have no twin homes and all single family homes but liked this plan much better than the one proposed in a prior meeting.

Ms. Anna Trotter – 506 Buckman Drive. Questioned if tractor and trailer could be banned from the use of the proposed connector road. Ms. Eberle explained that the details of the proposed development would be addressed during the next phases of meetings.

Ms. Kathy McCloskey – 660 Serrill Drive. Requested speed limit signs on her road. Mr. Walker asked that she leave her contact information to follow up with her request.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Nesbitt to authorize the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$ 950,896.02. Motion passed unanimously.

Township Council reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board applications to be heard in June:

HTZHB 17-14, Jennifer and Christopher McClain, 34 Butternut Dr; Council will remain neutral to the application

HTZHB 17-15, Nathan Casale, 1130 Easton Road; Council will remain neutral with conditions to the application

HTZHB 17-16, Patrick and Kristine Hood, 230 Beatrice Ave; Council will remain neutral with conditions to the application

Mr. Walker reviewed the PennDOT reporting system that would replace the annual paper submittals to PennDOT and allow the Township to complete the forms online. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council regarding the PennDOT online reporting system. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Johnson to authorize the use of the PennDOT online reporting system to file liquid fuels forms. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed the KCBA proposal for architectural services. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council regarding the proposal. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Nesbitt to authorize the KCBA proposal for architectural services for the Township Building. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed the Carpenter Park Tennis Courts. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the tennis courts. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to authorize the solicitation of bids for the replacement of the Carpenter Park Tennis Courts and hereby authorize advertisement of same. Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

William T. Walker