

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
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WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009 8:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled work session of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Arthur Bustard at 8:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

ARTHUR C. BUSTARD

JOHN R. HARRIS

STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

In Summary:

Mr. Jim Phillips, (address removed for privacy) commented on the Graham Property Agricultural Easement and questioned if a subdivision plan had been submitted, road improvement access, drainage issues, sale of produce and zoning compliance.

Mr. Jim Mollick, (address removed for privacy), commented on the September 1st 2009 minutes, Mr. Garrity's comments regarding the Office of Open records siding with the requestor "almost always" not being reflected in prior or current minutes. Mr. Mollick stated his belief Mr. Garrity's comments were false on the matter and false on him (Mr. Mollick) regarding the Pa State police. Mr. Mollick questioned the enforcement of the electronic media policy, the discussion of township email accounts being reflected in the minutes, putting "spin" on the minutes, questioned if any executive sessions or "tomato drops" had occurred, if there were any other business, questioned the Farm Land Preservation of the Graham farm and the 25 acre minimum, and who were the liaisons between the Township and the Farm Board.

Ms. Susan Caughlan, (address removed for privacy), commented on the Montgomery County Farm Board and described the process for obtaining an agricultural easement and the make-up of the County Board.

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Following discussion and comments by Mr. Quigley regarding Mr. Cornell's attendance at a sunshine law seminar, a motion by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Mr. Bustard and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written, the minutes of September 1, 2009. *(Copies were available for review.)*

2. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Graham Property Agricultural Easement Commitment Resolution

Mr. Cornell reminded the Board and public this matter was discussed at the September 16, 2009 Board meeting. Following discussion regarding a trail easement for the property and location, by way of motion by Mr. Quigley, second by Mr. Bustard Resolution 2009-20 was approved as written, vote all in favor.

b. Rieger Property ASA discussion:

Mr. Cornell noted this was the first time the Board had discussed the proposed inclusion of the tract into the Agricultural Security Area and also noted the Township ASA Board had recommend approval along with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Letters from both Boards were available. Following discussion by way of motion, by Mr. Quigley, Second by Mr. Bustard vote all in favor, the Board authorized the ASA public hearing for October 21, 2009.

c. Zoning Hearing Board Report

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2009.

Three new applications were heard on September 22, 2009:

09-13, 3229 Germantown Pike: Variance for relief to permit a 6 foot vinyl fence with front and side yard setbacks. Granted.

09-14, 1811 Hollow Road, variance to install pool fence greater than allowed by ordinance. Granted

09-15, 1316 Dell Road, variance to build a 4-foot wide pergola to satisfy definition of attached garage, Application heard continued until October 27, 2009.

09-16, Grace Baptist Church, 1030 Quarry Hall Road, special exception to install 5 light poles in the parking lot and 2 low-level lights to illuminate sign.

09-17, 3214 Fisher Road, variance to continue operation of a landscaping business at this location, continued at the request of the applicant.

3. ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Kibblehouse Subdivision Preliminary Discussion

Mr. Nolan introduced Mr. Nick Feola Engineer for the applicant and Mr. Peter Rotelle who were present to informally discuss the proposed preliminary plan and noted the applicant had requested to be on the agenda for formal action for the October 21, 2009 Board meeting. The applicant reviewed the status of the plan located on Weber Road. The applicant then asked the Board to contemplate not restricting proposed lots 10 & 11 from future subdivision. Previously the Township Planning Commission suggested the restriction and the applicant agreed during the planning commission review process. No formal action was taken on the Plan or the request.

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

a. Executive Session Report

-None-

5. OTHER BUSINESS

-None-

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ANY TOPIC)

Mr. Mark Trevetti, (address removed for privacy) commented on the existing road conditions for Mill Road, the planned road repair and drainage work and encouraged the Township to consider additional drainage work.

Ms. Susan Caughlan commented on storm water and suggested the Township consider contacting the Montgomery County Conservation District and the Perkiomen Valley Watershed Conservancy for assistance.

Mr. Jim Mollick, (address removed for privacy), commented on the calendar issue, computer access, "credibility crises", Office of Open Records siding for or against requestors, Solicitor's opinions, electronic media policy, the Sunshine Law litigation and counter claim, use of the Pa State Police, and independent legal counsel review of the litigation.

Mrs. Maeve Vogan, (address removed for privacy), commented regarding Mr. Mollick's comments of a credibility crises and matters in the past which have been answered, and the Office of Open Records siding for or against requestor.

Mr. Jim Phillips, commented on the calendar issue, and matters in the past.

Oliver Smith, (address removed for privacy), commented on the status of regarding around the spring/pioneer house.

Mr. Quigley commented on signs and enforcements, Mr. Bustard suggested re-visiting the sign ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Mr. Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice C. Kriebel, Assistant Recording Secretary