

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

**801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

March 1, 2017

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present:

Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens
Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman
Township Manager, Lisa M. Moore
Supervisor, Dr. Richard L. Leff (via teleconference)
Township Solicitor, Dave Sander

MINUTES

Leff made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2017. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Session:

Stevens announced that the executive session that was posted on the agenda had been cancelled.

Sidewalk Projects:

Lisa Moore announced that the sidewalk project, for which the Township had received a grant in October 2014, is going out to bid this coming week. The Project will begin in June and will take about 90 days to complete.

Lisa Moore announced that she recently met with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to kick off the next grant round for the sidewalk that will run up McFarlan Road and then follow Old Baltimore Pike into the Borough. This project will take a couple years to complete.

Economic Development Study Update:

Lisa Moore announced that the Economic Development study, which was created with the Borough, will be presented in October, at the American Planning Annual Conference at Penn State as an example of how to create an Economic Development Study. Lisa Moore noted that the County was very pleased with the study.

Crebilly Farm Resolution:

Lisa Moore reported that Supervisor Hoffman received a draft resolution that is going around in support of Crebilly Farm in Westtown Township opposing the proposed development. Moore read the draft resolution and asked if the Supervisors wanted her to draft a resolution. She noted that about ten other municipalities have adopted similar resolutions.

Stevens commented that it is a shame that Westtown Township did not find a clever way of addressing this problem before it got to this point and that he believes it is worth doing and suggests that Westtown Township find a way to buy the property.

Leff pointed out that the current proposal may have some preservation aspects to it and the proposed resolution does not state that the land should be completely preserved or completely developed but that a balance should be struck.

Hoffman noted that she believes the issue is about providing encouragement and support to Westtown Township to do more conservation. Leff commented that being on the side of more conservation would be nice.

Leff added that he believes it is best not to mention the company/developer specifically. Stevens asked why it would matter since the developer's name is part of the record. Leff responded that he believes it just does not matter which developer it is because the same conversation would be going on no matter which developer was involved. Hoffman noted that there is a benefit to not naming the developer because many times development rights are sold mid project.

It was decided that Lisa would draft a proposed resolution for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Impact Study Ordinance Discussion:

Lisa Moore presented the proposed ordinance regarding the Environmental Impact Study that was derived from John Wilkins's suggestions. The language was reviewed and updated by the Township Engineer.

The language was then given to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) who provided some comments/revisions and last night the Planning Commission and EAC met to review it, along with John Wilkins. Lisa Moore noted she was not present at the meeting and asked John Wilkins to give an update as to his perspective of the meeting.

John Wilkins presented an overview of the discussions that took place at the Planning Commission Work Session last evening and added that the Planning Commission will be submitting their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting.

All Action Deferred.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Appendix D:

Lisa Moore presented proposed Ordinance 265 noting the Ordinance will amend section 120-5 by adding language adopted by Appendix D, "Fire Apparatus Access Roads" to the 2009 International Fire Code; repeal all inconsistent Ordinances or Parts Thereof; provide a severability clause, and provide an effective date. Moore pointed out that this amendment clearly states that two access roads would be required for new developments. Lisa Moore added that both the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector felt it was important to adopt this Ordinance.

Leff made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 265, adopting Appendix D, "Fire Apparatus Access Roads" to the 2009 International Fire Code Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Stevens asked why the entire Fire Code is not being adopted. Lisa Moore and Dave Sander replied that the entire 2009 Fire Code was previously adopted but the Appendixes were not, as they can be adopted separately. Stevens asked why the other Appendixes were not being adopted. Lisa Moore replied that she will check with the Fire Marshal and Code inspector for their opinion on adopting the other Appendixes. Sander commented that if you want the appendices to apply, you need to adopt them as not all of the appendices apply to everyone.

Leff asked if the appendix will be part of the posted Ordinance, Lisa Moore responded it would.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

Pats Pizza Extension:

Lisa Moore presented a request from Pats Pizza for an extension to June 30, 2017 for submission of their Final signed plans for signatures and recording. Moore noted that the applicant was granted final plan approval on 3/16/16 and added that applicants have one year to submit signed plans for signatures and recording.

Leff made a motion to grant an extension for the Pats Pizza application to June 30, 2017. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stevens announced that the Police Chief had planned a County- run police exercise over the weekend and noted that it was very well run and informative. Stevens congratulated the Chief. Chief Nolt responded that this is another event to which he invited the Board of Supervisors and Township Manger as part of a regional effort and he thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support. Hoffman added her thanks to the Chief for all he does, noting that she is honored to have him and the other Police Officers as part of the Township. Leff noted that this is an example of the benefits of having our own Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Leff made motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien
Recording Secretary