

Board of Supervisors

July 14, 2021

Board Members Present: Scott Lambert, Chair; Rich Orlow, Vice-Chair; and Sue Drummond, Member

Staff Present: John Nagel, Township Manager; Steve Brown, Assistant Township Manager; Donna Wikert,

Board Secretary; John Neild, Direct of Public Work; Zach Barner, Director of Planning and Development;

Ted Locker, Zoning Officer; Chris Yeager, Police Chief; Joe McGrory, Solicitor.

Mr. Lambert called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Briefings:

- a) Executive Session(s) were held on July 14 at 5pm (legal, personnel and real estate)
- b) Mr. Lambert announced Action Meeting to be Held on Monday August 23 at 9am – Zoning Discussions
 - i. Route 30 Corridor Plan Residential Uses along Lancaster Avenue
 - ii. Warehousing Distribution
 - iii. Industrial District Amendments – Uses, Parking & Outdoor Storage
- c) Re-establish Police Department Bike Patrol – Chief Yeager is re-establishing the Bike Patrol and will start patrolling the community. He is hoping to start this weekend.
- d) Consider Ending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency March 19, 2020 – Loren announced that the Declaration of Disaster Emergency that was signed March of 2020 has ended as of June 2021.
- e) Returning to Offices, Reopening Buildings to Visitors & Conducting Meetings (In Person, Virtual, Hybrid) Mr. Nagel read the following:

To All residents, volunteers, employees & visitors: East Whiteland Township celebrated a “soft” reopening of our Township facilities on July 1, 2021. For over one year, our employees have been working mostly from our Township building and continue to work from home one day each week. For health and security reasons, we continue to screen those who request entry into our facilities. Starting with our July 14 Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, we will begin allowing the public to attend our meetings in person. If you attend and are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. If you attend and are not vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask. During those BOS meetings, for those who are not yet comfortable attending in person, we will continue to “stream” through our website using a Zoom platform, until further notice. Our volunteer Boards and Commissions will also be permitting in person attendance; however, we will not be streaming those meetings going forward.

While this has been an historic and challenging year, we are looking forward to having our business conducted in a traditional manner. We have learned much from adapting during the pandemic and will continue to provide appropriate measures to provide public service in the best possible way. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

- f) Anti-Bias (In Service) Virtual Training by the Philadelphia chapter of the Anti-Defamation League for all Township volunteers is tentatively scheduled Tuesday July 20, 2021, 6-9pm
- g) Review Police Station Exterior Design by Bernardon, Paul Sgroi
Overarching design goals:

Safety of community
Safety of township personnel
Safety and right to privacy of those in-custody
Reinforce campus look and feel that reinforces these community amenities

Design Solution:

Site layout/configuration of building
Floor plan and functional components:
Public entrance
Police/personnel entrance
Secure sallyport entrance
Indoor firing range
Exterior design that complements campus architecture

See for PLAN

- h)** Intersection of Routes 29 & 30 – Beautification Project - John Neild updated the Board with two options and the potential cost from ARRO. Worst case they would need to dig 30 inches into the existing concrete and fill with borders, turf, and low maintenance plants. The cost could be between \$80,000 and \$95,000. Or the same concept but adding 5 ft pavers, could run between \$140,000 and \$155,000. Time frame we are looking at could be a month or so, after all permits have been issued. It's a basic project taking out concrete up to the curb edge and adding decorative stone and plants to beautify this eye sore. The Board feels they should look into less expensive borders and/or decorative river rock. Resident Barbara Ann Thav asked if this had been approved last year, she remembered seeing a plan before that was not this expensive. John Neild said this may have been a plan concept, but nothing was ever voted on.
- i)** Update on Bishop Tube on expected date of DEP remedial action plan and start of Technical Evaluation Grant (TEG) process
Mr. Brown has been working with BSTI and the solicitor on reviewing background documents. He announced that DEP will hold a public meeting to discuss plan of action there will be a 90-day public comment period open to the public. East Whiteland Township Board discussed whether or not to have one or two meetings, the consensus was we will likely hold 2 meetings for public comment and to make sure the public is well informed.

Comments and Concerns from several of the residents:

Several comments made by residents, please make sure you schedule these meetings in venues that will accommodate everyone and not have people trying to listen in the hallway. Please schedule earlier than later so the residents have time to prepare. Several residents asked mentioned to the Board that the security issues are still not taken care of and that the fence is still not fixed. They also wanted to reiterate to please keep the residents in the loop!

Mr. Orlow mentioned that a letter from MLP Venture dated June 24, 2021, said the site security issue had been taken care of. Ms. Mobile said NO it had not. Chief Yeager said the Police have been out to the site patrolling. Mr. Lambert asked for the emails of the residents that were in person so that he can make sure they are updated. He also asked staff to look into this.

Board Motions & Resolutions:

Approve Promotion of Brittany Carosello to Deputy Director of Planning & Development:

John Nagel and Zach Barner introduced Brittany; she has been with us for 2.5 years as the Planning Coordinator and has taken her responsibilities to the next level. Brittany is a valuable member of this team, and we look would like to move ahead with her promotion to “Deputy Director of Planning & Development.

Brittany joined us via Zoom and thanked everyone for recognizing her efforts and is looking forward to continuing working with East Whiteland Township.

Ms. Drummond made a motion to accept and approve the promotion to Deputy Director. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0 Congratulations to Brittany!

Approve Increase Police Fleet (from 18 to 20 Vehicles):

Sell 2015 Dodge Charger (Patrol 42-02)

Sell 2014 Dodge Charger (Patrol 42-17) & Purchase Dodge Charger (\$49,000 Total)

Move CY Dodge Ram Truck (42-11) to Spare & Replace with 42-01 2021 Dodge Ram (new \$42,000)

Move Charger (42-05) to spare\detail vehicle.

Purchase New Vehicle (Patrol 42-07) 2021 Ford Explorer (\$54,000) Total

Mr. Orlow made a motion to accept and approve the increase to the Police Fleet. Ms. Drummond seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

Authorize Bids for 2012 Ford Escape through MunicBid. This vehicle is approaching the end of its life and was replaced back in December.

Ms. Drummond made a motion to accept and approve the selling of 2012 Ford Escape. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

Ratify the purchase of 6 Tasers \$15,000:

Mr. Orlow made a motion to accept and approve the purchase of 6 tasers. Ms. Drummond seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

Planning & Development:

Consider Rendering a Decision on the Following [Development Applications](#):

LD-18-2020 for Parking Expansion at 333 Technology Drive (MLR Technology LLC and 1201 Technology Drive LLC) – Preliminary/Final Land Development. The property, located at 333 Technology Drive, is within the O/BP (Office/Business Park) Zoning District.

Mr. Barner explained that both of these applications have been in front of the Board several times. There were no questions from the Board. Ms. Drummond made a motion to accept and approve LD-18-2020 for parking expansion. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

LD-03-2021 for Parking Expansion at 40 Liberty Boulevard (WPT Land 2 LP) – Preliminary/Final Land Development. The property, located at 40 Liberty Boulevard, is within the O/BP (Office/Business Park) Zoning District.

Mr. Barner explained that this has been in front of the Board several times. There were no questions from the Board. Mr. Orlow made a motion to accept and approve LD-03-2021 for parking expansion. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

Zoning: Property Maintenance Codes – Recent Activity

Mr. Locker, Zoning Officer, gave a brief update on properties that had been to District Court, where the Judge gave a few residents 30 days to clean up their property. So far, the residents on several of these properties are taking care of the trash citations and cleaning up.

Public Comment:

Question was asked if the Bike Patrol will be patrolling the trail, because the bikes go so fast and through crossways without looking, this is just an accident waiting to happen. Chief Yeager said yes, but also will be using the trail to access community neighborhoods.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Meeting Minutes from June 9 and June 21

Ratify Payment of Bills: \$ 1,116,150.94 (June 2021)

Accept Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2021

Extend Contract with Natural Lands to Finalize Planning & Assistance with Construction Management for Bacton Hill Park Project (\$7,500) for Site Design & Furniture and Landscaping)

Waive Township Fees for Contractors on Bacton Hill Park Project

Authorize Staff and McMahon Associates to submit Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Grant Application for the Moores Road Sidewalk Connection Project (\$660,090 Total: \$445,090 in Grant Funding for Construction and \$215,000 in Township Costs for Design and Project Development)

Accept Proposal (\$5,000) from McMahon Associates for Grant Administration Services for Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Grant for the Moores Road Sidewalk Connection Project

Approve Agreement with Energy Transfer Regarding our Crossing of their Pipeline Regarding Bacton Hill Park Project

Approve Anti-Bias Training Proposal (Police) from Anti-Defamation League (\$6,900 for 3 Sessions)

Approve Resolution 28-2021 Dedication of a Sanitary Sewer Easement over, across, and through Multiple Parcels in East Whiteland Township

Consider request of Three Tun Developers for extension until December 1, 2021, to complete repairs and improvements to Three Tun Road and dedicate it to the Township

Ms. Drummond made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as read

Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

Other Business: Donna Wikert, Board Secretary gave a brief overview of how the Hybrid meeting worked and what was involved with setting it up. She mentioned things worked well, considering this is the first Hybrid meeting we opened to the public. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. The Township will be offering the Board of Supervisors monthly meetings as hybrid meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:20 PM

**Donna Wikert
Board Secretary**