

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR

Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 10, 2008

The meeting of the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00PM, in the Radnorshire Room, in the Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087.

Commissioners Present

Harry G. Mahoney, President
Enrique R. Hervada
Thomas A. Masterson
John Fisher

Lisa Paolino, Vice-President
Kevin G. Higgins
William A. Spingler

Also present: David A. Bashore, Township Manager; David G. Blake, Township Solicitor; Coretta Hutchinson, Township Secretary; Amanda Ostrander-Serock, Director of Personnel & Public Affairs; Aimee M. Cuthbertson, Chief Financial Officer; William Martin, Assistant Director of Finance; Robert F. Loeper, Jr., Director of Community Development; Matthew Baumann, Planning Manager; Dan Malloy, Township Engineer; Thomas Blomsrom, Director of Parks & Recreation; William R. Hagan, Director of Public Works; Stephen Giancristoforo, Director of Information Technology.

President Mahoney called the meeting to order. He then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence in memory of Mary Meeker

President Mahoney called for a moment of silence in honor of Mary H. Meeker, a Radnor resident and long-time community advocate who passed away on October 20, 2008.

Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 27, 2008

Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the motion was unanimously passed.

Notice of Executive Meetings

President Mahoney reported that an executive meeting was held prior to the public meeting on October 27, 2008, in the Powys Caucus Room, where real estate acquisition, litigation and personnel matters were discussed; all Commissioners were present.

Presentation by Neal Overbeck , Eagle Scout candidate

Neal Overbeck, a Eagle Scout candidate from Bryn Mawr Troop 19 and sophomore at Radnor High School presented a slide show on his wetlands improvement project at Clem Macrone Park. Commissioner Fisher then presented Mr. Overbeck with a proclamation recognizing him for his efforts. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Set a public hearing for Garrett Hill zoning district ordinances for November 24, 2008,
and refer to Planning Commissions

Commissioner Paolino advised that a public hearing on amendments to the proposed Garrett Hill zoning ordinances, as recommended by the Garrett Hill Steering Committee, will be held on November 24, 2008. President Mahoney advised that 20 minutes will be allotted to the hearing for interested parties, including the Radnor School District, to comment on the revised ordinances; and, if necessary, the hearing can be continued to the December 8 public meeting. Pattie Barker, chair of the Garrett Hill Coalition, presented the Board with a petition signed by 700 residents on Election Day. Commissioner Masterson wondered whether the petitions were representative of the community, as he was aware of residents who signed the petition who were not aware of its meaning. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Certificate of Appropriateness re: application of Arthur & Patricia Hartel
to install a side deck at 408 Audubon Avenue

The Historical & Architectural Review Board recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, permitting the installation of a side deck at 408 Audubon Avenue. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the certificate. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Certificate of Appropriateness re: application to Joseph Dixon
to construct a rear and side addition at 510 Woodland Court

The Historical & Architectural Review Board recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, permitting the construction of a rear and side addition at 510 Woodland Court. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the certificate. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Certificate of Appropriateness re: application of Mark & Lucy Rhodes
to construct a detached garage at 420 St. Davids Road

The Historical & Architectural Review Board recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, permitting the construction of a detached garage at 420 St. Davids Road.. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the certificate. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Certificate of Appropriateness re: application of Greg Lingo
to construct an addition at 130 Runnymede Avenue

The Historical & Architectural Review Board recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, permitting the construction of an addition at 130 Runnymede Avenue. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the certificate. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Resolution 2008-27 re: Subdivision # 2008-S-11 (Final) of Villanova University to change the lot line between 349 Matsonford Road (Archbishop Carroll High School) and 601 County Line Road (Villanova Conference Center)

Commissioner Paolino motioned to approve a resolution to change the lot line between a property at 349 Matsonford Road and 601 County Line Road. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Resolution 2008-26 re: Subdivision #2008-D-09 (Preliminary) of Bio-Med Realty/145 King of Prussia, LP to remove existing building(s) and construct a new 3-story laboratory/office building with parking at 145 King of Prussia Road

Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve a resolution permitting Bio-Med Realty to remove and existing building and construct a new 3-story laboratory/ office building at 145 King of Prussia Road. Commissioner Higgins recognized Bio Med for agreeing to a compromise regarding parking. James Schneller suggested that a traffic study be conducted at the SEPTA station on King of Prussia Road due to high traffic activity. Nicholas Caniglia responded that a traffic study was already conducted and considered as part of the preliminary plan. Seconded by Commissioner Paolino, the motion was unanimously passed.

Introduction of an ordinance re: amend the administrative code by clarifying composition of the Subdivision Advisory Committee

Commissioner Spingler motioned to introduce an ordinance to amend the administrative code by adding the Superintendent of Police to the advisory committee to assist in the evaluation of township subdivision and land development plans. Commissioner Fisher asked if the Fire Marshal should be added to the committee as well. David Bashore replied that the Fire Marshal reports directly to the Director of Community Development who is a member of the committee. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Resolution 2008-30 re: acceptance of amendments to Trianon Homeowners Association by-laws

Commissioner Hervada motioned to approve a resolution to amend the Trianon Homeowners Association by-laws. Seconded by Commissioner Spingler, the motion was unanimously passed.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Resolution 2008-29 re: preliminary adoption of 2009 budget and 2009-2013 capital improvement plan as per Home Rule Charter; reminder of public hearing on November 24, 2008

Commissioner Higgins motioned to approve the adoption of the preliminary 2009 budget and 2009-2013 capital improvement plans. Seconded by Commissioner Paolino, the motion was unanimously passed. David Bashore advised the Board that a revised budget to be distributed later in the week would be the basis of discussion at the public hearing on November 24. Commissioner Fisher requested Aimee Cuthbertson to provide the Board with any new assumptions in the revised budget.

LIBRARY

No Report.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Announcement of anticipated year end vacancies on advisory boards and commissions

President Mahoney informed the public of upcoming vacancies on the Board of Health, Planning Commission, Radnor Memorial Library Board, RHM Sewer Authority Board, Zoning Hearing Board, Cable Council and the Implementation Committee. He then encouraged all interested applicants to submit a resume or letter of interest to the township manager.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Reminder of the 31st annual Penn Medicine at Radnor 5-Mile Run

Commissioner Hervada updated the Board and the public on the success of the annual Penn Medicine at Radnor Run, held on Sunday, October 26. The Run attracted over 670 participants and grossed \$75,390. Thomas Blomstrom then presented the Board with a plaque from the American Lung Association, thanking them for their support.

Commissioner Paolino requested that the Board authorize the township manager to send a check for \$1,850 to support an application to the state for a historical marker in Brook Street Park, recognizing the late Bishop Richard Allen and his boundless effort to achieve racial equality and full citizenship for all Americans. Commissioner Spingler motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada, the motion was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Hervada requested an update on Sulpizio Gymnasium. Mr. Blomstrom replied that the renovation of the gym is nearing completion and that numerous programs and events will be up and running in December. Commissioner Masterson then asked when the new park on West Wayne Avenue was scheduled to open. Mr. Blomstrom replied that he would confer with the township manager and get back to him.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Fisher informed the Board that he received a phone call from Dr. Curtis Lamp of Bryn Mawr Hospital expressing concern that the new entrance to the hospital's emergency room is being blocked by vehicles on Bryn Mawr Avenue in Lower Merion Township. Mr. Bashore advised that he is communicating with hospital and Lower Merion officials regarding this matter and will report back to the Board with additional information.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduction of an ordinance re: speed limit on Audubon Avenue

Commissioner Spingler motioned to introduce an ordinance to change the speed limit on Audubon Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Hervada the motion was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER

Announcement of America Recycles Day November 15

Commissioner Spingler motioned to proclaim Saturday, November 15, America Recycles Day in an effort to encourage residents and non-residents to recycle. Seconded by Commissioner Paolino, the motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Hervada asked about the series of traffic lights and resulting traffic backup encountered when traveling along Route 30 to Route 320. William Hagan reported that traffic flow should improve when the closed loop system is installed in 12-18 months. Dan Malloy added that he would investigate his concerns. David Bashore asked Mr. Malloy to follow up with the Staff Traffic Committee. Commissioner Fisher requested an update on the Conestoga Road Spillway in Garrett Hill. Mr. Malloy replied that the survey has been completed.

New Business

Commissioner Fisher noted that he received a call from Mr. Ben Breskman, whose son was lost in an accident on SEPTA's Route 100 trolley line. Mr. Fisher requested that the Board encourage SEPTA to post warning signs and fencing to protect and inform pedestrians of the high voltages present. President Mahoney suggested that the Board delay any official action until learning the status of any litigation concerning this matter.

Commissioner Fisher then requested that the Board address implementation of the Garrett Hill Master Plan. President Mahoney suggested that the township manager arrange a meeting with Township staff, the Garrett Hill Steering Committee, Implementation Committee and Mac McCoy of the Radnor Enhancement Community Trust to discuss implementation of the plan and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Fisher then suggested obtaining estimates to renovate the existing restrooms at Clem Macrone Park in addition to replacement estimates to see which would be most cost effective. Mr. Blomstrom advised that the existing building has been painted and fixed numerous times in the past and he believed that the poor conditions warranted replacement; however, he would obtain estimates for renovation as requested.

Public Participation

Linda Gonzalez of Callanan Avenue expressed concern that rental housing units on her street were over populated in violation the Townships zoning ordinance. Commissioner Hervada assured Ms. Gonzalez that Township staff would research her concerns.

There being no further business and on a motion duly made and seconded, the public meeting of the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Coretta N. Hutchinson
Township Secretary