

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda.

Jo White, Stonebridge Road, questioned posting of the Notice. She suggested posting at another place, and to also post on the Township's web page.

Maggie Fillinger, 1020 Tintern Drive, questioned why Moore Drive is blocked off. Ms. Hunsicker replied that property owner Merck does not want anyone walking back there.

There were no other comments.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Conditional Use Application: Gwynedd Mercy University

Mr. Garrity stated the Board of Supervisors received a Conditional Use Application from applicant, Gwynedd Mercy University, 1325 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley. He stated the application concerns a certain portion of the Applicant's property at 1325 Sumneytown Pike, consisting of approximately 160.1461 acres. Mr. Garrity stated the tract is owned by the Applicant and is currently zoned "A" Residential District. He stated if approved as a conditional use by the Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors, the Applicant proposes to disturb and relocate a 4,225.32 square foot portion of the wetlands located on the tract, and the riparian buffer abutting the same, in order to install a loop road for improved vehicular circulation and emergency vehicle access, pursuant to Section 1298.17(c) of the Lower Gwynedd Township Zoning Ordinance. Section 1298.17(c) permits by conditional use development related to any improvement within a wetland provided that the Applicant relocates such disturbed area.

Dave Madary, Derck and Edison, Gwynedd Mercy University's engineer, gave an overview of the project. Mr. Garrity entered exhibits for Gwynedd Mercy University and the Township. Mr. Grey asked Mr. Comly if the conditional use meets his requirements. Mr. Comly replied in the affirmative. Mr. Brandt was concerned about the bridge. Ms. Hunsicker asked if this reconfiguration accommodates the new dormitories. Mr. Madary stated yes. Mr. Garrity asked if anyone present is for or against the Gwynedd Mercy University Conditional Use Application. Mr. Garrity stated for the record no one spoke for or against the Gwynedd Mercy University Conditional Use Application. Mr. Garrity closed the public hearing and stated the Board has 45 days to render a decision. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the Conditional Use Application for Gwynedd Mercy University. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Subdivision and Land Development: Gwynedd Mercy University

Mr. Amey stated the primary focus of the subdivision and land development is the completion of the loop road. He stated the Montgomery County Planning Commission, Lower Gwynedd Township Planning Commission and Township Staff all recommended approval. Mr. Amey stated the project is ready for approval except for the tree replacement issue which will be worked out. Ms. Hunsicker questioned perpendicular parking; Mr. Hersh stated the traffic lane has 20 feet. Mr. Paccione made a

motion seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No. 2018 – 06 Gwynedd Mercy University Campus Improvements Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval to include the satisfactory resolution of the partial waiver regarding replacement trees. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Land Development: Wissahickon Middle School – Auditorium

Mr. Amey stated Gerry Moore and Wade Coleman, Wissahickon School District are present tonight. He stated the County Planning Commission, Lower Gwynedd Township Planning Commission recommend the approval of the removal of a portion of the existing Middle School to construct a 13,693+square-foot auditorium with additional improvements in the nature of curbing, sidewalk, landscaping and an underground storage facility to control runoff from the proposed improvements and related improvement on the tract of the Wissahickon Middle School. Mr. Amey stated waivers have been reviewed by the Township engineer. Mr. Brandt speaking on the behalf of the Meadows asked the Board to approve the Land Development: Wissahickon Middle School – Auditorium. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No 2018 – 07: Wissahickon Middle School – Auditorium Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval. The motion carried 4 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2018 – 08: Corporate Authorization Resolution

Mr. McAnally stated Resolution No. 2018 – 08: Corporate Authorization Resolution authorizes new agents: Kathleen Hunsicker, Chair, Board of Supervisors; Craig T. McAnally, Secretary/Treasurer; and Steven M. Wiesner, Finance Director to open any deposit or share accounts in the name of Lower Gwynedd Township, and endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with this Financial Institution. Mr. Paccione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No. 2018 – 08: Corporate Authorization Resolution. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Park and Recreation Board Appointment – Chris P. Saullo

Mr. McAnally stated one vacancy remained to be filled on the Park and Recreation Board. He stated Chris Saullo was interviewed by Board members and was recommended to fill this vacancy. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to appoint Chris P. Saullo to the Park and Recreation Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2020. Leola Hubbard thanked the Board of Supervisors for filling this vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board.

PFM Investment Strategy

Mr. Wiesner stated PFM Investments now has their own mutual funds which is a common practice and will allow PFM to react quicker to market changes and hire the best money managers. He stated the Pension Advisory Committee recommended the strategy change to PFM Mutual Funds. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the PFM Investment Strategy. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Appointment of Vijay Kapoor (Economist) for Police Arbitration

Mr. McAnally stated in preparation for Police Arbitration we have contacted Vijay Kapoor of the Kapoor Company for a proposal to provide economic analytical services along with strategic support for Lower Gwynedd Township. He stated the Kapoor Company’s proposal will provide all the economic

data and will appear at the Arbitration Hearing on June 12, 2018 at a rate of \$200/hr with a maximum amount, not to exceed of \$16,500 for his services. Mr. Paccione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to appoint Mr. Vijay Kapoor of the Kapoor Company to provide data and provide expert witness testimony for Lower Gwynedd Township in an amount not to exceed \$16,500. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Proposal from Dunlop & Associates - Third Party CPA

Mr. Wiesner stated Barbacane Thornton, Township Auditors, recommended the Township consider having a contract in place with a third party CPA or equivalent to temporarily fill this position on short notice should turnover happen again. He stated the person could also provide additional oversight of the finance department until a new permanent finance director is comfortable in the position. He stated the person would also come to the Township bi-annually to maintain familiarity with the township. Mr. Wiesner stated a proposal was received from Julie Davis of Dunlap and Associates to provide this service for approximately \$3,500 - \$4,500 per year. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the proposal from Dunlop & Associates to provide the above services in the amount of \$3,500 - \$4,500 per year. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) Authorizations

Mr. Wiesner stated Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority recommended that the Board of Supervisors provide authorization to BCWSA to deposit checks endorsed to Lower Gwynedd Township. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to authorize Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority to deposit checks endorsed to Lower Gwynedd Township. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Mr. Wiesner stated Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority recommended that the Board of Supervisors not bill penalty and interest on late payments for the first billing which is approximately \$11,000 for one quarter. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to authorize not billing penalty and interest on late payments for the first billing. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Appointment of Conflict Attorney

Mr. McAnally stated the Township received an application from W. B. Homes which Wisler Pearlstine has worked with in the past. He stated he received biographical information and work experience from four firms: Thomas J. Speers, Plymouth Meeting, Pa; Friedman Schuman, Doylestown, PA; Robert Brandt & Associates, Trappe, Pa; and Joseph P. Walsh, Lansdale, PA. He recommended Thomas J. Speers, Plymouth Meeting, PA as the conflict attorney. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to appoint Thomas J. Speers, Plymouth Meeting, PA as the Township's Conflict Attorney. The motion carried 4 -0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally had no further comments.

SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Paccione announced Whole Foods will be opening on April 14, 2018. He stated on April 12 they will have registered guided tours for the public.

Mr. Brandt commented on Wissahickon Fire Company's notice of accepted bid on the Emergency One 2018 Pumper. He commended Wissahickon Fire Company for their equipment and great work. Mr. Comly stated he likes to keep the Board informed.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on March 13, 2018 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary