LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Grey, Chairman Danielle A. Duckett, Vice-Chairman Edward J. Brandt Kathleen Hunsicker Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary Paul Kenny, Police Chief Ken Amey, Zoning Officer Jim Hersh, Township Engineer

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. He stated the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session before the meeting on a personnel matter.

COVID-19 Update, Frank Baxter, Emergency Management Coordinator

The Chairman introduces Frank Baxter, Emergency Management Coordinator. He stated he had a conference call on Sunday, March 8, 2020 regarding taking extra precautions. He stated Lower Gwynedd Township has two cases. He stated Mark Ross, Regional Manager for the Hospital and Healthcare Association of Pennsylvania, is preparing and educating the retirement communities on how to prepare for a potential outbreak. Mr. Baxter stated they also have a Quick Response Team which will supply nurses and equipment. He stated a great resource is COVID-19 datahub on the Montgomery County Public Health Website.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2020 February 28, 2020

The Board of Supervisors received the February 11, 2020 and the February 28, 2020 meeting minutes. The Chairman asked if there were any comments. There were none. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to approve the February 11, 2020 and February 28, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed 5 – 0.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Resolution No. 2020 - 07: Sparango - 3 Lot Subdivision

Mr. Amey reviewed Resolution No. 2020-07 – 3 Lot Subdivision (Spring House Court) which is a three-lot subdivision on 1.32 acres North of Trewellyn Reserve. He stated the carriage houses will be similar to those in Trewellyn Reserve. He stated the Planning Commission recommended the 3-lot subdivision with a few conditions. Susan Rice, STA Engineering, engineer for Sparango, stated we will comply with the review letters and PennDOT. She stated post lamps for the driveways were recommended and we agreed, Mr. Speers stated there are two minor changes 1) no overnight parking and 2) no access to Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Brandt hoped Trewellyn Reserve will consider renegotiations regarding access to Bethlehem Pike. Mark, Schaffer, Brookline Court, asked how the Trewellyn Trail will be influenced. Mr. Amey stated there is no real impact. Ms. McNeely made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 07: Sparango – 3 Lot Subdivision. The motion passed 5 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation on MS4 Requirements by Gilmore Associates, Jim Hersh

Jim Hersh, Gilmore Associates, presented an overview of the MS4 requirements. He stated MS4 measures direct discharge to the creeks. Mr. Brandt commended Mr. Hersh for the excellent presentation. He stated the MS4 is an unfunded mandate without assistance from the federal or state governments. Ms. McNeely thanked Mr. Hersh, and recommended an outreach for citizens with additional education. Mr. Grey gave a brief overview of the TMDL study and plan of action. Both Mr. Brandt and Ms. McNeely asked for this issue to be kept in front of the community.

810 Pen Ambler Road Hyatt - Maintenance Agreement

Mr. McAnally stated this is information provided to the Board of Supervisors for the Maintenance Agreement between the owners of 810 Pen Ambler Road and Lower Gwynedd Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen comments, concerns, questions (For items not on the agenda; comments on agenda items will be taken when those items are discussed by the Board)

Joan Zeller, 1020 Brookside Avenue, asked how do you balance residents' input versus prospective developers regarding Ambler Yards. Mr. Brandt explained the process. Ms. Hunsicker stated they may need a zoning change. Ms. Duckett stated there is nothing in the Planning Commission right now. Mr. Grey stated you will get a notice if a plan is submitted to the Township.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

There were none.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

There were none.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on March 24, 2020 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth Assistant Secretary