

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 4, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway, Joseph Bartlett, Edward McBride and Erika Spott. Also present were: Ron Wagenmann, Township Manager; Joseph Pizonka, Township Solicitor, Rob Loeper, Township Planner, Russ Benner, Township Engineer, Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to Township Manager.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Waks, to approve the January 14, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes and the January 21, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Bartlett reported on an executive session dealing with legal and property matters. He also commented on the possibility that a snow emergency may be declared because of a predicted weekend snow storm and he reminded residents of snow removal regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Appointment re: Bob Dempsey to Shade Tree & Beautification Commission
2. Appointment re: Barbara Van Clief to Shade Tree & Beautification Commission

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mrs. Spott, all voting "Aye" to approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

HEARING RE: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD – CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Mr. Joseph Pizonka, Township Solicitor, stated that notice of this hearing was published in the Times Herald on January 28, 2010.

Lt. Mike Martin of the Upper Merion Township Police Department was sworn in and commented on reasons for the request to modify the ordinance that regulates the meeting dates for the Police Citizen Advisory Board. It is recommended that this board meet quarterly. Lt. Martin explained that the board is mainly an exchange of information with a group of citizens who have an extended knowledge of the Police Department. Lt. Martin said that the quarterly meetings have been in practice since 2007 and it has worked out well. The citizen board recommends this modification and requests that the Board of Supervisors formally authorize this schedule modification.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to approve as presented the Police Citizen Advisory Board ordinance amendment. (Ordinance No. 2010-787). None opposed. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance No. 2010-787 was adopted and will be filed in Ordinance Book 15.

MINOR PLAN RE: EFREM HIAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN. 198 ALLENDALE ROAD. CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY AROUND BUILDING BECAUSE OF CHANGES TO ROADWAY ACCESS. 0.905 ACRES, C-1 COMMERCIAL. Plan Expiration: April 26, 2010

Utilizing the aerial, Mr. Rob Loeper, Township Planner, pointed out the subject property, a five-story, 25,000 square foot building, located at 198 Allendale Road. The building, originally constructed in the mid 1960’s is currently undergoing extensive renovation. The applicant is proposing to make some site improvements to construct a drive aisle in the front of the building to allow vehicle circulation around the building. The existing stairs and planters at the front of the building will be removed or relocated. New green areas will be established along the sides of the building so that there will be a net decrease of impervious area. The improvements are prompted in part by the loss of a driveway on the north side of the building because of the Allendale Road/Wills Boulevard intersection reconstruction. Mr. Loeper indicated that the property owner has indicated that these improvements are also a requirement of several proposed tenants.

Mr. Loeper stated that the extensive renovation of the building includes all new façade, windows, and stucco. He indicated that the architect worked to assure that there would be no increase in the impervious area and as a result there will not be negative stormwater impact. Mr. Loeper pointed out that stormwater is provided on Allendale Road, and if necessary, the township could require a connection. In this event, the applicant would be required to obtain a stormwater permit from Public Works prior to doing this work.

Without comment by the Board; the minor plan was approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING – ABRAMS RUN

Board Comment:

Mr. Jenaway stated that the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety has chosen several sites throughout the county for emergency planning and one of those sites is in Upper Merion Township and involves the Abrams Mill transfer yard for CSX rail. The completed plan will be presented to the Fire and Rescue Services Board at their monthly meeting next Tuesday to be held at the King of Prussia fire station on Allendale Road. The general public is invited to this presentation.

Mr. McBride commented on the Marquis apartment complex and code issues they have had with the Township. He said that as a good business practice there is an obligation on behalf of Marquis to raise their standards and be more attentive to the needs of the residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RONALD G. WAGENMANN
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered:

The entire proceedings of the business transacted by the Board at this Business Meeting were fully recorded on audio tape, and all documents submitted in connection thereto are on file and available for public inspection. This is not a verbatim account of the minutes, as the tape is the official record and is available for that purpose.