

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 12, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Workshop Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2023, in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Bill Jenaway, Greg Waks, Greg Philips, Carole Kenney and Tina Garzillo . Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; John Walko, Township Solicitor; Kailie Melchior, Solicitor's Office; Leanna Colubriale, Township Engineer and Ashton Jones, Township Planner.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Garzillo stated that there was an Executive Session involving legal matters prior to tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSIONS:

POLESTAR – 694 W. DeKalb Pike:

Bob Careless, attorney for the applicant attended the Workshop Meeting. He stated that the applicant is asking for a waiver of Land Development process for the former Wells Fargo property near the Mall's entrance. Mr. Careless explained that they are not demolishing the building nor adding an addition, they are just refurbishing it and adding landscaping around the property which will improve the impervious grounds.

The applicant is willing to pay a fee in lieu for the waiver since a Land Development would take several months to complete and they want to start the process as soon as possible. Mr. Careless then introduced Nick Long one of the proprietors of Polestar.

Mr. Long stated that Polestar is an automotive business which sells new electrical cars through a website. There would only be about 10 to 15 new cars on the lot and in the showroom for test driving. Nick presented plans for the property showing the existing building in which they will remove the drive-up teller lane so emergency vehicles can loop around if needed along with the new landscaping plans which include the addition of a green roof.

There will be a small service area in the back with three (3) car lifts to change tires but no mechanical repair work will be done on site.

Board Comments:

The Board does not feel it would be wise to waive the Land Development process but Supervisor Philips asked Mr. Walko if they would be able to waive part of the Land Development. Mr. Walko said they can do a Land Development Resolution where the applicant can ask for certain parts of the Land Development to be waived. The Board also said Polestar should present their plans to the Planning Commission.


BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

The Board quickly review the January 12, 2023 Business Meeting agenda and adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Action:

It was moved by Supervisor Philips, seconded by Vice-Chair Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Adjournment occurred at 7:07 pm.


ANTHONY HAMADAY
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: