

WORK SESSION

May 3, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the May 3, 2016 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Adam D. Zucker was present with Supervisors Melissa M. Weber, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner and Kenneth F. Wollman. Also present were Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, and Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker. One member of the public was present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing Mission Moments, Ordinance #4-239, Resolution Nos. 1127, 1129, and 1130, approval of the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes and the April Voucher List, award of a contract to JWC Environmental and the May Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by reviewing a listing of upcoming events, including:

- Big Rig Round-Up (Wentz Run Park) – Friday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.
- Blooms & Buds – Mums and Pups – Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Centre Square Fire Company – Carnival – June 1 to 4
- Centre Square Fire Company – Groundbreaking for new firehouse followed by a reception and Comedy Night – June 11
- Whitpain Police Association / Parks & Recreation Department Golf Outing – June 13 at Meadowlands Country Club
- Dog Park Ribbon Cutting – Centre Square Park – Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Community Festival – September 24 – Montgomery County Community College

When Mr. Pronczak concluded his review of upcoming events, Mr. Conner mentioned that the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society is planning to host an open house for various historic buildings throughout Whitpain on September 18.

The next topic discussed was a proposed Firearms Safety Seminar hosted by the Montgomery County Sherriff's Department. The Sherriff's Department has noticed a strong demand for firearms safety training and have offered to host a training seminar at the Whitpain Township Building. Chief Lawson mentioned that the seminar lasts four hours and is taught by the Sherriff's Department. Additionally, it has been fully vetted by

the District Attorney's Office. The Board voiced no objection to this seminar and staff will coordinate with the Sherriff's Office to set-up this training in June.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by discussing Boehm's Church and Baird Financial/The Foley Hillsley Group. Both of these organizations will receive proclamations at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on May 17 as part of the Board's efforts to recognize institutions and businesses in the Township.

After discussing this agenda item, Supervisors adjourned the work session meeting at 7:55 p.m. and met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At 8:00 p.m., the executive session adjourned and Supervisors left for the public meeting. When the public meeting ended, Supervisors met once again in executive session at 9:30 p.m.



David J. Mrochko
Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chairman Adam D. Zucker, along with Supervisors Melissa Murphy Weber, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner, Jr., and Kenneth F. Wollman were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Assistant Township Manager, David J. Mrochko, Solicitor James J. Garrity, Esq., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Fire Marshal David M. Camarda was absent. There were approximately 50 members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chairman Zucker, who welcomed all in attendance. Prior to the Mission Moment portion of the meeting, Mr. Conner solemnly noted the passing of long time Whitpain Township resident Paul Sabol (July 5, 1926 - April 21, 2016). Mr. Sabol actively served on the Shade Tree Commission and was an inspiration for the annual tree giveaway program. He played an important role in the development of Wentz Run Park, which is the flagship of our parks system today. Mr. Sabol served in the US Navy in World War II and the Korean War. For his service to our Nation, this community, and his family, of which Mr. Conner is a part, he offered thanks and appreciation from the Sabol Family.

Chairman Zucker asked Supervisor Ken Wollman to present tonight's Mission Moment. Mr. Wollman welcomed Boy Scout Troop 98, headquartered at St. John's Church in Whitpain, and Scoutmaster Bob Trejo. Scouting is the ultimate form of learning while doing while working toward the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts learn the value of hard work and experience the thrill of seeing it pay off. The recently completed environmental classroom at Prophecy Creek Park, built by a team led by Eagle Scout Jonathan O'Donnell, was dedicated on Earth Day. Troop 98 will induct seven new Eagle Scouts on May 22nd. They are Henry Barsh, Michael Galbally, Alexander Hughes, Matthew Bahr, Riley Bakes, Christian Lundy and Liam FitzPatrick. With these seven, Troop 98 will have produced 44 Eagle Scouts since its founding in 1997. The Board, staff and residents congratulate the scouts in their tireless efforts focusing on community service, leadership, and environmental stewardship. Mr. Wollman read Resolution No. 1129. Chairman Zucker, an Eagle Scout himself, congratulated the Scouts for their accomplishments, in particular, Eagle Scout Alexander Hughes who was in attendance this evening.

Mr. Greg Barsh, the Committee Chairman of Troop 98, first became involved with the Scouts when his sons joined in 2010. Mr. Barsh introduced Scoutmaster Bob Trejo.

Mr. Trejo has been involved with scouting since he was six years old. He established Troop 98 in 1997 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. They outgrew the facility and moved to St. John's Lutheran Church where they currently meet. Scouting promotes values, life skills, great experiences, leadership, friendships and community support. Studies show that those who are part of scouting have increased self-confidence, honesty, and respect for

others. They have a higher graduation rate and increased incomes by about one-third. Scouting is fun. There are many outdoor activities and community service projects. Through hard work, the young men are given the opportunity to build skills and through leadership, learn to give back. Mr. Trejo thanked Township staff who are supportive of the activities within the Township. As a program, scouting is alive and thriving in Whitpain.

Chairman Zucker said that what the dedicated adult leaders do for the scouts is phenomenal. He thanked everyone for what they do for the scouts and the Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Conner to pass Resolution No. 1129 recognizing members of Boy Scout Troop 98 who have achieved Eagle Scout status. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed and Resolution No. 1129 was presented to Scout Troop 98.

As advertised, the hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 4-239, Airport Overlay District, was opened by Chairman Zucker. Amee Farrell, Esq., of the firm Kaplin-Stewart addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant.

A verbatim recording of the proceedings was taken by a Court Reporter and will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to enact Ordinance #4-239, the Airport Overlay District. Chairman Zucker asked for any questions or comments from the Board. There were none. Chairman Zucker extended his thanks to Wings, Mr. Cavanaugh, Ms. Farrell and the residents that surround Wings Field for their participation in the process, and the communication on both sides. We worked long and hard for eight years on this. With joint cooperation, the activity has moved away from Narcissa Road and Dundee Drive homes. Mr. Wollman said that as a neighbor, along with neighbors Mr. Conner and until recently, Mr. Greco, they know what it is like to be near Wings Field. He explained how the new Ordinance is a result of compromise on all sides. It protects the neighbors from a land use perspective, and allows for 100% transparency and certainty on what land use is. Mr. Wollman thanked everyone involved for their efforts in open and effective government. Mr. Conner concurred with everything expressed by Chairman Zucker and Supervisor Wollman. He is happy to support this legislation. There were no additional comments and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting of April 19, 2016. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the April 2016 Voucher List in the amount of \$736,431.17, check sequence #57754 through #57994. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to pass Resolution No. 1127 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for the 2016 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program for a Pedestrian Study along Township Line Road (south). Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to pass Resolution No. 1130 relating to West Ambler Revitalization and the opening of the Wissahickon Waterfowl Preserve. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner noted that he attended the dedication event along with Township staff. He conveyed the Township's appreciation to the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, memorialized in the Resolution, and urged support of its passage. There were no additional comments and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to award the contract for one Muffin Monster In-Channel Grinder, Series 30005 in the low bid amount of \$36,468 to JWC Environmental, to be installed at the Mermaid Sewer Pump Station. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the applications to go before the Zoning Hearing Board at its May hearing. Mr. Conner mentioned there are a number of questions regarding application #2072-16 related to the Panache Restaurant. The Planning Commission will review these cases at its May 10th meeting. Mr. Conner said questions will be reserved until after the Planning Commission meeting. The cases will again be before the Board of Supervisors for review on May 17th. The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard May 19, 2016:

#2072-16	LMT Real Estates, LLC
#2074-16	Pauline D. Watson

Chairman Zucker turned the meeting over the Vice-Chairman Weber for public comment. Vice-Chairman Weber asked if any member of the public had comments or questions. There were none.

Vice-Chairman Weber announced the Board met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting and will return to executive session after the public meeting. Mrs. Weber also announced the following events:

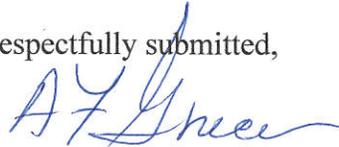
- Friday, May 6th the annual Big Rig Roundup will be held at Wentz Run Park
- Saturday, May 7th, Blooms & Buds-Mums & Pups from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will host an event to raise funds for the dog park which will have its ribbon cutting September 18th at 1 p.m.
- June 1 to 4 the CSFC Carnival will be held at the Reeds property; this is a significant fundraiser for the fire company

- June 11th is the groundbreaking ceremony for the new CSFC fire house, followed by a reception and then Comedy Night
- June 13th the Whitpain Police Association and the Parks & Recreation Department will host a golf outing at Meadowlands Country Club
- September 24th is the annual Community Festival with Go Go Gadgets as the scheduled lead act, local group Mango Men and a couple of bluegrass groups

Vice-Chairman Weber mentioned that the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society will hold an Open House on September 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. She asked if any Board member had anything additional to add. There were no comments.

There was no further business, and Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. F. Greco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony F. Greco
Secretary