

## WORK SESSION

September 1, 2015

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 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 September 1, 2015 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Frederick R. Conner was present with Supervisors Adam D. Zucker, Anthony F. Greco, and Kenneth F. Wollman. Supervisor Melissa M. Weber was absent. 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, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McAndrew, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman. Two members of the public were also present.

Prior to the work session, the Supervisors met in executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Supervisors began the work session meeting at 7:30 p.m. reviewing the agenda discussing approval of the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, the public hearing for transfer of a liquor license, including passage of Resolution #1093, authorization to advertise for bids for fencing for the dog park at Centre Square Park, authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 341, award of contract for parking lot paving at Stony Creek Sports Park, authorization to proceed with engineering services related to a traffic study in West Ambler, approval of two stormwater facilities agreements and review of the September Zoning Hearing Board case.

After reviewing the agenda, Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by discussing an email from a resident. The resident proposed changes to a Township ordinance dealing with open burning. Mr. Pronczak suggested that staff can review the request and present findings to the Operations Committee.

Mr. Mrochko updated the Supervisors on mosquito spraying that will occur in the Township on the evening of September 3, 2015. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with Montgomery County, will conduct the spraying because they received a few positive test results for West Nile Virus in Blue Bell. The spray area in the Township is bordered by Route 202, The Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Township Line Road, and North Wales Road. News of this activity is posted to the Township's website and Twitter and will lead the Township's electronic newsletter, The Wire.

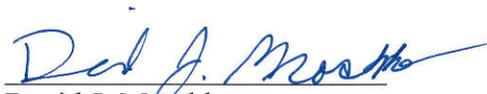
The next topic discussed was a listing of upcoming events, which included:

- 9/11/2015 – Blue Mass – 7:00 p.m.
- 9/12/2015 – Centre Square Park – Grand Opening 9:00 a.m.
- 9/12/2015 – Angel Flight East – Wings ‘N’ Wheels 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 9/12/2015 – Drive-in Movie Montgomery County Community College
- 9/26/2015 – Community Festival 11:00 a.m.
- 9/30/2015 – Boards & Commissions / Partner Recognition 6:00 p.m.
- 10/2/2015 – Centre Square Fire Company – Fire Expo 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Conner added to the list of events by highlighting a groundbreaking at Montgomery County Community College scheduled for September 3 and the Trails & Tails 5K and One Mile Fun Walk set for October 18. He also noted that Robert Fair Caterers will be hosting and sponsoring a “Disney Family Fantasy.” This free event for Township residents with children under 12 includes an afternoon with Disney characters.

Mr. Conner noted that the Community Festival occurs on the same weekend as the Papal visit in Philadelphia. Township staff members have been meeting regularly about these events and are prepared to handle each event.

When the work session concluded at 7:54 p.m., the Supervisors began meeting in executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. When the executive session ended at 8:00 p.m., the Supervisors left for the public meeting. When the public meeting ended, the Supervisors met once again in executive session at 9:10 p.m. to continue the earlier discussions on legal and personnel matters

  
David J. Mrochko  
Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chairman Frederick R. Conner, Jr., along with Supervisors Adam D. Zucker, Anthony F. Greco 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, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Fire Marshal David M. Camarda and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Supervisor Melissa Murphy Weber was absent. There were 17 people at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Conner welcomed everyone to the fourteenth meeting of the year. He announced that Mrs. Weber has an excused absence for a well-deserved family vacation. He also announced the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters and will return to executive session to continue discussions after the public meeting.

There are two Mission Moment contributions this evening. The first focuses on the Mission portion of our Mission, Vision, Values statement, which includes protection of health, safety and rights; the second focuses on partnership, which is a valuable facet of our Mission.

Chairman Conner introduced Chief Lawson, who commended his officers for their performance in solving a two-year old case that occurred October 16, 2013. A horrific crime occurred when an elderly couple, returning to their home in Blue Bell from their business in Philadelphia, were overtaken by three of the five men who followed them there. They wanted money. The husband was violently beaten, while the wife had the presence of mind to let them know she had money on the second floor. She gave it to them by throwing it. As they collected the money, the wife hit the panic alarm. Hearing the alarm sounding, the men panicked and fled. Through diligent police work, and with the cooperation of the County Detectives and the Philadelphia Police Department, Detective Wittig and the responding officers were able to arrest four of the men and obtained four convictions. The fifth is locked up in Philadelphia for another case. Without the wife's quick thinking and actions, the husband could have lost his life due to the severity of his injuries. Everyone involved was commended by Chief Lawson for great police work.

Chief Lawson also thanked and praised the officers who were instrumental in apprehending two bank robbery suspects. They heard the call of a robbery in Montgomery Township, set up along Rt. 202, the expected route the robber would take, and stopped the vehicle at the Rt. 202 turnpike overpass. Because it is an active investigation, there are not many details that he could share. Chief Lawson said the men were great and did everything by the book. He thanked the Board for giving his department the resources which allow them to perform their duties the best way possible.

Chairman Conner then introduced the President of WRA, Marshall Bleefield, who explained how the value of partnership with the all-volunteer group ensures that the children have the best possible resources to grow. They are the future. Past-president Pat Foley was the driving force behind developing Centre Square Park, which will be used primarily by the travel soccer teams and WissLAX. There are seven fields in all: six full-sized soccer and one field hockey. The children need the best, and in the asset of Centre Square Park they have it. Chairman Conner then introduced the Director of WissLAX, Chuck Wurzbach, who noted that with the opening of Centre Square Park, the organization will be transformed. In the past they were usually at the lowest rung of the ladder as far as field space. With the designated field in Centre Square Park, they will not have to worry about the playing area being taken away by another group at the last minute. He thanked the Board, on behalf of WissLAX, for providing this field for lacrosse.

Chairman Conner remarked that in partnering with Walsh Construction, we were able to build this park, and in the future, the additions of trails and a dog park will complete this milestone representation of partnership. He asked if there were any questions or comments.

Vice-Chairman Zucker said this has been the most riveting Mission Moment segment, and by far the longest. The Police Department does a fantastic job, and he is proud to be associated with the top of the top. The sports groups are a part of what makes Whitpain Township work. It is a positive experience for children and adults. The organizations provide a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn teamwork and compassion. Together with the parents, they make the community stronger. There were no additional comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing to consider the request for Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Blue Bell, LLC for approval to transfer a liquor license was held.

A Court Reporter was present to record the hearing, and the full transcript will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to pass Resolution No. 1093, accepting the proposed Inter-Municipal Transfer of Liquor License from the Greenhouse Tavern, Inc., 325 Reliance Road, Telford, PA to Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Blue Bell, LLC, 990 DeKalb Pike, Unit 600, Blue Bell, PA. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wollman, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for bids for fencing and related equipment and supplies for the dog park at Centre Square Park. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 341, an Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Whitpain, Part II, Chapter 142, Section 142-32, to add a new parking prohibition on the west side of Norristown Road from a point 142 feet north of the centerline of the northernmost intersection of Huntsman Lane and Norristown Road to a point 137 feet south of the centerline of the southernmost intersection of Huntsman Lane and Norristown Road. Chairman Conner explained that this is an authorization to advertise and there will be opportunity for discussion at the hearing. He called for any additional comments. There were none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to award the contract for the Stony Creek Sports Park Parking Lot Paving bid to Blooming Glen Contractors in the low bid amount of \$157,253. Chairman Conner noted this was the low bidder of four bids received, which came in under the \$160,000 budget. There were no further comments and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to authorize McMahon Associates to proceed with engineering services related to a Traffic Impact Study for the West Ambler area in accordance with their proposal dated July 24, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$5,800 (Phase I). Chairman Conner said this study is another component of the West Ambler Revitalization Project that began five years ago, and there is much more that will happen in West Ambler. There were no additional comments and the motion carried.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign on behalf of Whitpain Township a Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions Concerning Stormwater Facilities Agreement between John and Julie Burke, property owners of 755 Lantern Lane, and Whitpain Township. This agreement addresses operations and maintenance responsibilities for an on-site stormwater management system to be installed at 755 Lantern Lane. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign on behalf of Whitpain Township a Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions Concerning Stormwater Facilities Agreement between William H. Fegley, Jr. and Jacquelyn Fegley, property owners of 800 Sam Lane, and Whitpain Township. This agreement addresses operations and maintenance responsibilities for an on-site stormwater management system to be installed at 800 Sam Lane. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board case scheduled to be heard September 17<sup>th</sup>:

#2055-15      137 Stenton Avenue, LP

The Planning Commission will review this case at its meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Conner turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Zucker who asked for public comment.

Ms. Kim Zampiri of 1198 Grant Avenue asked for an update on Meadowlands. Solicitor Garrity explained there are always discussions, although nothing official and there is no pending action. The Board remains interested in seeing that the property is maintained as green area. There is nothing imminent to report. Chairman Conner added that if and when there is anything to report to move the proposal forward, the Township will utilize all of its available resources to get the word out and residents will be given the opportunity to comment.

Mr. Herb Raynes of Cathcart Road offered accolades to the Police Department, and asked that the information presented this evening during Mission Moments be included in The Wire. He said we need to "pump up the police" in light of what is happening across the country.

There were no additional comments from the public. Vice-Chairman Zucker asked if the Board had any old or new business to discuss. There were no comments from the Board. Vice-Chairman Zucker verified that the Board will retire to executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. He also stated there are quite a few fantastic events scheduled in September, including the following:

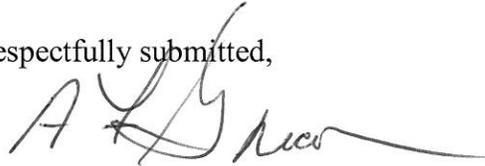
September 11	The Blue Mass at St. Helena's
September 12	Centre Square Park Grand Opening
	Wings 'N Wheels at Wings Field benefitting Angel Flight East
	Drive-In Movie at Montgomery County Community College
September 26	The second annual Community Festival at Montgomery County Community College
September 30	Gathering for the Boards and Commission members

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On October 2, Vice-Chairman Zucker noted that the Centre Square Fire Company will hold its annual expo at Wentz Run Park.

There were no further comments and Vice-Chairman Zucker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. F. Greco", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony F. Greco  
Secretary

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