

Amity Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

The October 5, 2022 workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Township building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairperson Kim McGrath. The following were in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Kim McGrath, Chairperson
David Hackett, Vice Chair
Paul Weller
Terry Jones
Kevin Keifrider

PLANNING COMMISSION

Dwight Buckwalter

STAFF

Troy Bingaman, Township Manager
John Weber, LTL Consultants
Kathie Benson, Planning Commission Secretary
Pamela Kisch, Township Secretary

RESIDENTS

Samuel and Darlene King, 720 Old Swede Road
James Elliott, 684 Old Swede Road
Keli Platco, 692 Old Swede Road
Karen Drumheller, 692 Old Swede Road
Craig Neiman, 671 Old Swede Road
Dr. Garland Fisher, 164 Pine Forge Road
Ed Arnold, 95 Pine Forge Road
Gene and Bonnie Willman, 147 Pine Forge Road

LEAF CREEK FARM REPRESENTATIVES & CONSULTANTS

Robert Hoffman, Traffic Design and Planning
Brian Boyer, Boyer Engineering
Erin Witt, Jaindl (Developer)

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

WESTERN BERKS EMS PRESENTATION

Mrs. McGrath stated Western Berks EMS was not in attendance and tabled this matter.

LEAF CREEK FARM – Planned Traffic Improvements

Brian Boyer, Boyer Engineering, stated a total of 24 residents owning properties on the same side of the street and across the street from the planned age-restricted development were notified by Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. (TPD) that traffic improvements were planned in the existing PennDOT right-of-way in front of or across from their properties. Robert Hoffman, TPD shared the proposed layouts. Planned improvements included main driveway construction off SR662 and roadway widening for a righthand turning lane from the south side of SR662 and a lefthand turning lane on the north side. Mr. Hoffman stated the proposed improvements match the existing edge of pavement and would not affect any fences or mailboxes. Mr. Hoffman stated PennDOT requires HOP's for all driveways within the planned improvements. Some properties have existing permits, while others do not. Mr. Hoffman asked that property owners sign PennDOT form 950AA which authorizes the project engineer to obtain the necessary driveway permits. There was discussion that the "hump" in the road would not be addressed as it complies with PennDOT site distance guidelines. Mr. Hoffman stated traffic improvements are within the existing 29.5-foot PennDOT right-of-way on the west side of SR662 and the 30.54-foot right-of way on the east side and would affect property lines as follows: approximately 5 to 6-feet on the Neiman property at 671 Old Swede, approximately 1 to 2-feet on the Breidegan property at 667 Old Swede and approximately 8 to 9-feet on the Raymond property at 711 Old Swede Road. Mrs. McGrath asked about driveway encroachment. Mr. Hoffman stated there will be driveway improvements impacting as little as 8 to 10-feet for some properties and as much as 20 to 24-feet for the Fidler property, as a result of repaving and regrading the roadway for compliance with PennDOT requirements on cross slopes. Mr. Hoffman offered property owners to come forward to look at the proposed improvements with relation to their individual properties. Mr. Hoffman explained all driveway improvements occurring within the right-of-way must meet PennDOT site distance requirements. Driveways will be improved, or at the very least not any worse than they are today. Mr. Hoffman stated some electric poles will be relocated on the east side of SR662. Mr. Boyer stated of the 24 notices mailed, some were sent to property owners being affected by the water line extension being run from the Far Hill Farms development. Mr. Boyer stated properties east of that extension could connect to public water, should they wish to do so. Mr. Neiman stated he'd be interested in connecting to public sewer without cost, as he's losing part of his property without compensation. Mr. Boyer stated he would discuss that proposal with the developer. Mr. Hoffman stated the entire frontage along SR662 and Pine Forge Road would be widened. Mrs. Benson stated she did not have a copy of the most recent improvements drawings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

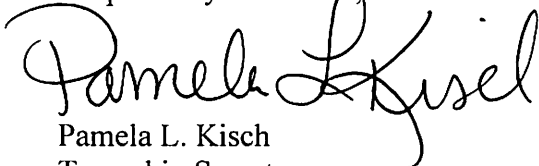
No additional comments were offered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10PM with no further business, Mrs. McGrath closed the workshop meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela L. Kisch
Township Secretary