

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2016

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Upper St. Clair, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in the Community Room B, Community & Recreation Center at Boyce Mayview Park, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

PRESENT: Commissioner Christie President
Commissioner Waller Vice President
Commissioner Del Re
Commissioner Orchowski
Commissioner Paoly
Commissioner Pardini
Commissioner Seitanakis

Matthew R. Serakowski Township Manager
Mark S. Mansfield Assistant Township Manager
Mark P. Romito Director of Finance
Adam A. Benigni Director of Community Development
Gary Schafer Parks & Forestry Administrator
Irving S. Firman Township Attorney
Jennifer Slagle For Township Engineer
Diana Pifer Recording Secretary
Shauna L. Haley Court Reporter, Pittsburgh Reporting Service

PUBLIC: Approximately 45 people attended

REVIEW OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016

Commissioner Orchowski moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2016. This was seconded by Commissioner Waller and carried with a 6-0-1 voice vote. Commissioner Del Re abstained from voting as he was not present at the August 1, 2016 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Douglas Dennig, 1229 Sun Ridge Drive, asked if the Township had any plans to extend the sidewalk on Mayview Road to provide access to the Community & Recreation Center.

Mr. Serakowski provided comments regarding the next phase of the extension of the sidewalk on Mayview Road.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS**PUBLIC HEARING RE. PLC16-1301 – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR REZONING 1320 MAYVIEW ROAD FROM C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND R-LI LOW INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

Mr. Benigni stated that this is the public hearing regarding PLC16-1301 – Zoning Map Amendment for Rezoning 1320 Mayview Road from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District and R-LI Low Intensity Residential District to R-3 Medium Density Residential District. He reviewed the recommended public hearing procedures.

Those wishing to testify were sworn in by Commissioner Christie.

Mr. Benigni entered Township Exhibits #1 - #24, Applicant Exhibits #1 - #9, and Allegheny County Exhibits #1 & #2 into the record.

Mr. Steven Victor, Victor Wetzel Associates, representing the Applicant, explained the reasons for the requested rezoning to the R-3 Medium Density Residential District and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of this planned residential development.

Mr. Benigni answered several questions from the Board regarding the rezoning of 1320 Mayview Road.

Mr. Martin Gillespie, on behalf of the Applicant, confirmed for Commissioner Orchowski that they had met with the two neighbors closest to the proposed development and they both supported the project.

Mr. Howard Zelik, 2532 Shenandoah Drive, asked what the width was for the townhouses in this residential development.

Mr. Benigni stated that this information is not available at this time as the Board must first approve the rezoning and then Staff will receive the land development application which will identify the width of the townhouses.

Mr. Bob Seltmann, 1252 Old Meadow Road, explained why he had safety concerns with the proximity of the proposed driveway of the planned development to one of the worst traffic intersections in Upper St. Clair.

Mr. Serakowski thanked Mr. Seltmann for his comments; however, stated that the intersection he was referring to is located in Bridgeville. He provided additional comments regarding the joint efforts that he and other Municipal Managers from neighboring communities are taking to address this challenging intersection.

Mr. Victor stated that if this rezoning is approved by the Board that they will submit a land development application which will include a traffic study of that roadway.

Mr. Benigni stated that it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners continue this public hearing to Monday, October 3, 2016 for the purpose of taking Staff testimony.

Commissioner Christie asked if there were any additional comments from the Board or the

Public and there were none.

MOTION AND VOTE TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Seitanakis moved to continue the public hearing Re. PLC16-1301 – Zoning Map Amendment for Rezoning 1320 Mayview Road from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District and R-LI Low Intensity Residential District to R-3 Medium Density Residential District to Monday, October 3, 2016. This was seconded by Commissioner Del Re and carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

RECOMMENDATION RE. MORROW ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Benigni stated that in order to complete the Morrow Road Bridge Replacement Project, PennDOT must purchase right-of-way and request a temporary construction easement from the Township. The required right-of-way area is 2,965 square feet and the temporary construction easement area is 2,489 square feet. The total amount offered by PennDOT is \$9,600.00 and the project is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2017. Mr. Benigni stated that Resolution No. 1625 would authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents with regard to the acquisition of right-of-way for the Morrow Road Bridge Replacement Project and may be adopted by a simple motion and roll call vote.

Mr. Benigni answered several questions from the Board regarding the Morrow Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Commissioner Christie asked if there were any additional comments from the Board or the Public and there were none.

MOTION AND VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1625

Commissioner Waller moved to adopt Resolution No. 1625 to authorize the Township Manager as the designated official to sign all documentation, agreements, and permit applications on behalf of the Township with regard to the acquisition of right-of-way for the Morrow Road Bridge Replacement Project. This was seconded by Commissioner Orchowski and carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

RECOMMENDATION RE. TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN – COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

Mr. Benigni stated that the residents from Country Club Drive recently submitted a petition for traffic calming measures in their neighborhood and the Community Development Department directed the Township Traffic Engineer to conduct a study of the street to determine if the traffic conditions meet the standards for a Traffic Calming Plan. The Township Traffic Engineer studied three (3) locations along Country Club Drive using Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATR). All three (3) ATR count locations satisfied the Township's criteria for traffic calming based on an 85th percentile speed (32 mph – 7 mph greater than the posted 25 mph speed limit). After preparing a draft Plan, the Township held a public meeting and solicited input from the residents. After the meeting, the Community Development Department mailed a survey to the residents in the neighborhood to determine the number of property owners who agree or disagree with the proposed traffic calming measures. Of the 148 surveys mailed, the Township received 85 responses resulting in a 57% response rate for the neighborhood. Of the 85 responses, 50 (59%) voted in favor of the proposed traffic calming plan. Mr. Benigni reviewed the summary of the survey results and stated that the proposed Plan includes the following improvements:

- One speed hump located approximately 220 feet west of Fairway Circle.
- One speed hump located approximately 800 feet west of Fairway Circle.
- Placement of a 25 mph speed limit sign near the entrance of Country Club Drive from Old Washington Road.
- Placement of appropriate warning signage at each speed hump on eastbound and westbound approaches.

Mr. Benigni stated that Public Works' Staff has received a proposal from El Grande Industries, Inc. for the proposed improvements at a total cost of \$14,350.00. He added that Staff recommends that the Board grant approval of the proposed Traffic Calming Plan for Country Club Drive as the request has satisfied the established warranted criteria in the Traffic Calming Policy which may be accomplished by a simple motion and voice vote.

Mr. Chris A. Droznek II, P.E., Trans Associates, presented a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the Traffic Calming Eligibility Criteria study which was conducted for Country Club Drive.

Mr. Droznek answered several questions from the Board and reviewed the criteria that is followed for the approval of the installation of speed humps.

Mr. Gary Graminski, 94 Country Club Drive, stated that he has been a resident of the Township since 1992 and believes there is a speeding problem on Country Club Drive. He provided comments regarding his concern with the location of the two speed humps that will be before his property and the possibility that drivers will pick up speed after passing over the speed humps and there will be even more excessive speeding in front of his house. Mr. Graminski also recommended that there be more of a police presence on Country Club Drive and there be speed signs installed with a notification to the driver of their actual speed.

Mr. Robert Daugherty, 2295 Country Club Drive, provided comments regarding the excessive speeding on Country Club Drive and expressed his concerns regarding the safety of the children at the school bus stops. He recommended one additional speed hump near St. Clair Country Club and more police presence on Country Club Drive.

Mr. Norm Coliane, 2265 Country Club Drive, stated that he has not seen the speeding problem that his neighbors describe. He provided additional comments regarding his belief that the traffic study did not show a large amount of speeding on Country Club Drive and he recommended that 10 to 15 mile per hour speed limit signs be posted as a traffic calming measure. Mr. Coliane also expressed his concern with the speed hump being located right in front of his house.

Mr. John Sirc, 2266 Country Club Drive, stated that he has been a resident of the Township for 22 years and provided comments regarding the speeding on Country Club Drive. He discussed the need for more police presence on his street and his agreement for the installation of the speed humps. Mr. Sirc stated that the Board needs to take action to approve the speed humps if they value the safety of the residents on Country Club Drive.

Ms. Mary Alice Price, 122 Fairway Circle, stated that she moved to the Township approximately 11 years ago and at that time she contacted the Township and requested that a "no outlet" sign be placed at the end of Fairway Circle due to the excessive traffic from Country Club Drive. She stated that she wanted to thank the Township for their timely installation of the sign at that time; however, she indicated that unfortunately it has not made a difference and explained why she

believes that there should be speed humps installed on Country Club Drive. Ms. Price also provided comments regarding her concern with the safety of her grandchildren and the need for more police presence in this area. She also recommended that an additional speed hump be considered in a location closer to St. Clair Country Club.

Ms. Carol Coliane, 2265 Country Club Drive, provided comments regarding the data from the traffic study and presented a handout to the Board outlining the reasons why speed humps are not effective at reducing speed. She expressed her concerns regarding the speed humps delaying emergency response times, the noise that will be generated from cars passing over the speed hump which is going to be located in front of her house, and the possible decrease in the value of her house. Ms. Coliane provided additional comments regarding the reasons she believes the Board should delay the voting on the traffic calming plan for Country Club Drive.

Ms. Karen Connor, 2266 Country Club Drive, stated that one of the speed humps will be located in front of her house and explained the reasons why she supported the traffic calming plan for Country Club Drive. She also expressed her concerns regarding the safety of the residents and asked the Board to approve the traffic calming plan for Country Club Drive before someone is seriously injured in this area.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Commissioner Pardini explained the reasons why he believes that speeding on Country Club Drive is a law enforcement issue and should be handled by the police. He stated that he agrees that something needs to be done; however, does not believe this is the correct plan. He recommended that the Township's traffic calming criteria be revisited and a moratorium be put on the installation of speed humps in the Township.

MOTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS IN THE TOWNSHIP

Commissioner Pardini moved to place a moratorium on the installation of speed humps in the Township until Staff can review certain other information to reevaluate the criteria of the Township's Traffic Calming Program Policy. This was seconded by Commissioner Paoly.

Mr. Droznek answered several questions from the Board regarding the Traffic Study which was conducted for Country Club Drive.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

VOTE TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS IN THE TOWNSHIP

The motion failed with a 2-5 roll call vote. Commissioners Del Re, Orchowski, Seitanakis, Waller & Christie cast the negative votes.

Additional discussion ensued among the Board.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPROVE THE TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

Commissioner Paoly moved to approve the Traffic Calming Plan for Country Club Drive. This was seconded by Commissioner Waller and carried with 6-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Pardini cast the negative vote.

RECOMMENDATION RE. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

Mr. Mansfield stated that Staff recommends the following contract for the Board's approval in accordance with Township Code:

Walsh Equipment Prospect, PA	Two (2) 9' Aluminum Dump Body Upfits @ \$49,895 each (For 2) 2017 Ford F-550 Cab & Chassis Trucks Approved on 6/6/16) (Public Works)	\$99,790
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MOTION AND VOTE TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC WORKS ALUMINUM DUMP BODY UPFITS

Commissioner Pardini moved to approve a contract with Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$99,790 for Two (2) 9' Aluminum Dump Body Upfits @ \$49,895 each for (2) 2017 Ford F-550 Cab & Chassis Public Works Trucks. This was seconded by Commissioner Paoly and carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. Mansfield stated that Staff recommends the following contract for the Board's approval in accordance with Township Code:

R & B Contracting & Excavating, Inc. West Mifflin, PA	Perimeter Trail Installation – Boyce Mayview Park (Southern Extension Trail w/Reforestation & Sign Installation and Morton Trail)	\$1,400,714
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Mr. Howard Zelik, 2532 Shenandoah Drive, stated that he had missed the prior Board meetings where discussion was held regarding the Perimeter Trail Installation – Boyce Mayview Park; however, when he read the article in the newspaper regarding this project, he felt the cost was excessive. He provided additional comments regarding how he believes the money for this project could be better utilized in the Township.

Commissioner Christie explained to Mr. Zelik the detailed presentations that were provided by Staff and the discussions that the Board had at various prior meetings regarding the Perimeter Trail Installation – Boyce Mayview Park.

Mr. Paul McKeown, 210 Brookside Boulevard, provided comments regarding his support of the Perimeter Trail Installation.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the Perimeter Trail Installation.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR THE PERIMETER TRAIL INSTALLATION – BOYCE MAYVIEW PARK PROJECT

Commissioner Paoly moved to approve a contract with R & B Contracting & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,400,714 for the Perimeter Trail Installation – Boyce Mayview Park Project which includes the Southern Extension Trail, the Morton Trail, reforestation of the Southern Perimeter Trail, and sign installation. This was seconded by Commissioner Waller and carried with a 6-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Pardini cast the negative vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Del Re provided comments to clarify an issue which was addressed by Mr. Zelik.

Following a motion for adjournment by Commissioner Paoly and a second by Commissioner Orchowski, which carried with a 7-0 voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Diana Pifer
Recording Secretary
September 2016