

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Barry Moore
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert Salzer
Michael Solomon
Joseph Pizzo
Amanda Fuller
Robert M. Pellegrino
William Wert

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Barry Moore
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert M. Salzer

Others present were:

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
William Wert, Assistant Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of military and emergency services personnel.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Rose called forward Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks and Recreation. Dr. Rose presented a proclamation to the Parks and Recreation Department in recognition of Parks and Recreation Month. Mrs. Opalka thanked the Board for the recognition and summarized the classes and events held by the Department and noted that the Blue Park will officially open on July 1, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Stith, 544 Pulinski Road, questioned the construction happening next to her home. She raised concerns about water, impervious surface, and drainage.

Chairman Selisker stated you will be able to hear answers to your concerns during the presentation of the plan tonight and the Township Engineer is also here to follow up.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES

The Board meeting minutes of May 25, 2022, were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for June 8, 2022, for \$722,852.14 and, for June 22, 2022, for \$798,232.95 were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Northampton Glen Subdivision-Preliminary/Final Plan of Subdivision and Land Development-SLD 22-4 (Pulinski Road)

Mr. Moore asked the representatives for the project to introduce themselves:

Mr. Ed Murphy, Attorney for the applicant, and Vincent Fioravanti, Engineer for the project.

Mr. Moore outlined and explained the proposed development is located along Pulinski Road between Foxcroft and Hatboro Roads consisting of 4.9 acres in the AR zoning district. Currently, the site contains an approximately 1,700 square foot dwelling, 630 square foot garage, paved driveway, natural vegetation, and a wooded area.

The applicant intends to subdivide the subject property into four (4) separate lots and an easement for "Road A." The existing dwelling and garage will be demolished and a new single-family dwelling will be constructed on Lot 1. Lots 2, 3, and 4 will also be developed with single-family dwellings. Public water and sewer are proposed to serve the site.

The following was provided for the Board's review:

1. Waiver Request Letter – June 9, 2022;
2. Gilmore & Associates, Inc. – Review letter – May 6, 2022;
3. Pennoni Associates - Review letter – May 3, 2022;
4. McMahon Associates – Review letter – May 5, 2022;
5. Township Planning Commission Memo – June 15, 2022;
6. Fire Marshal Memo – May 11, 2022;

7. Bucks County Planning Commission – Review Letter – May 27, 2022; and,
8. Copy of the Plan

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

Discussion ensued between the Board and the applicant's representatives. Questions were presented and answered.

- Will the street be dedicated. Yes
- Pay a fee in Lieu of Sidewalks. The board and applicant agreed on sidewalks in that area do not make sense.

Ms. Fuller the Township Engineer responded to Linda Stith from the public comment portion of the meeting regarding stormwater runoff. Ms. Fuller stated that Stormwater Management is regulated by the State and the Department of Environmental Protection and by Township Ordinances this will specify where runoff and underground seepage areas will be located. There will be a total of 5 stormwater management areas.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment.

Ms. Stith questioned if it will be tied in to any of the neighbor's properties. Ms. Fuller stated this will not affect the neighbors.

Mr. Pellegrino stated the plan shows a 24' wide cartway, the regulations state the cartway should be 31' wide. The Township has approved in the past a 26' wide cartway which is the minimum that would be allowed. The applicant's representatives agreed to the 26' cartway.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) of the Northampton Glen Subdivision, Preliminary/Final Plan of Subdivision and Land Development, SLD 22-4, subject to compliance with the Gilmore Associates review letter dated May 6, 2022, the Pennoni Associates review letter dated May 3, 2022, the McMahon Associates review letter dated May 5, 2022, and the Fire Marshal's memo dated May 11, 2022. It is also recommended that the requested waivers be granted. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall enter into a land development agreement and escrow agreement in a form acceptable to the Township solicitor and engineer. This shall include a stormwater management maintenance and operations agreement.
2. A fee-in-lieu of sidewalks is required based upon calculation by the Township engineer per the terms of the development agreement.
3. A fee-in-lieu of tree replacement shall be required per the terms of the development agreement under the applicant's proposed tree replacement plan.

4. A fee-in-lieu of recreation/open space shall be submitted in the amount of \$6,584.86 for each new lot per the terms of the development agreement.
5. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any outside approvals that may be necessary, including, but not limited to DEP, the Conservation District, PennDOT, and the Municipal Authority. Further, approval is granted for the submission of any documents that may be required as part of the sewage facilities planning process.
6. All conditions and recommendations incorporated with the motion and minutes are subject to the Township Solicitor's approval letter.

Mr. Pizzo the Township Solicitor questioned if Road A on the map will be submitted to the Township for Dedication and that the cartway has a minimum of 26'. Mr. Moore stated yes and amended the motion to include Road A to be dedicated and the cartway to be a minimum of 26' to comply with Emergency Vehicles and the Seepage area to be moved. Dr. Rose agreed to the motion amendment.

Mr. Moore questioned whether the applicants agree with the following fees in lieu of certain items.

- A fee in lieu of sidewalks \$ 30,369
- A Parks and Recreation fee of \$26,339. A cost of \$6584.86 per lot. Total of 4 lots.
- A fee in lieu of trees - \$10,000.

The representatives for the project stated they agree with the fees as presented by Mr. Moore.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider 2022 Greenway Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant Application to Construct Pedestrian Crossing at Fir Drive and Newtown-Richboro Road

Mrs. Gasper noted the Township Administration recommends the Board approve a resolution to authorize filing a grant application with the Commonwealth Financing Authority, Greenway, Trails, and Recreation Program for funding to install a pedestrian crossing at Newtown-Richboro Road (Route 332) and Fir Drive. The proposed project is consistent with the Master Trail and Bicycle Facilities Plan adopted by the Township in 2019 and will improve the safety of both pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Newtown-Richboro Road from the Deerfield North, Longlane Farms, and Northampton Crossing developments into the Township recreation complex and Tyler State Park.

The total estimated project cost is \$195,550 and the Township is seeking \$158,850 in grant funds. The Township matching requirement is \$36,700. The project includes a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon, asphalt trail pavement, concrete curbing, concrete sidewalk, and street lighting.

The grant program requires a Resolution from the governing body of the municipality authorizing an individual to file the application and execute all documents, including a grant agreement, required by the grant program.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

The Board was in agreement this project that we are submitting the grant for will be a huge benefit to the Township and for access to Tyler State Park, connecting existing trails and improving safety for those accessing these trails.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

A motion was made and seconded (Gasper-Salzer) to adopt Resolution R-12-22 authorizing an application to be filed with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a grant to install a pedestrian crossing at Newtown-Richboro Road and Fir Drive and to authorize the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager to execute all required documents for the grant program.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Amendment to SWBWC Intergovernmental Agreement

Dr. Rose explained Northampton Township has been a member of the Southwestern Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee since 1985 and has jointly bid waste collection and disposal with its partner communities, Upper and Lower Southampton Townships since that time. In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the initial advantages of jointly collecting and disposing of solid waste with other municipal partners do not provide the economies of scale that previously existed. The current inter-municipal contract has become the largest publicly bid waste collection contract in Pennsylvania and limits the number of private waste haulers willing to submit bids for this service.

Following extensive discussion with our municipal partners, the Administration recommends the Township withdraw from participation in SWBWC, and independently bid its waste collection needs when the current contract with J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc. expires on December 31, 2022. The Township would continue to honor all other existing waste disposal contracts through their termination dates if the Board agrees to withdraw from the committee. This includes two contracts with Waste Management for disposal of yard waste and recycling materials and a contract with Waste innovations for household trash disposal.

The Solicitor prepared the amendment to the Inter-Governmental/Inter-Municipal Agreement between Northampton, Upper Southampton, and Lower Southampton Townships adopted by the parties in 1993 following the withdrawal of Warminster Township in 1993. The Amendment effectuates the withdrawal by Northampton Township from SWBWC and acknowledges the

continuation of existing disposal contracts executed by the respective municipalities through their terms.

Mr. Pizzo the Township Solicitor wished to clarify the Amendments to the Inter-Governmental/Inter-Municipal Agreements were prepared by the Solicitor from Upper Southampton since they were the lead agency for the consortium. Mr. Pizzo stated he has verified the amendment properly reflects Northampton Township's withdrawal from the consortium.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Moore) to adopt the proposed Amendment to the 1993 Inter-Governmental/Inter-Municipal Agreement between Northampton Township, Upper Southampton Township, and Lower Southampton Township withdrawing membership in the Southwest Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee effective upon execution.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bid Award for Gasoline, Diesel, and #2 Heating Oil

Mr. Salzer stated on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, Northampton Township advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times, the Intelligencer, and the Herald for bids to purchase unleaded regular gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, and #2 heating oil for the contract period August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023.

A tabulation sheet was provided to show a summary of the bids received. The price we pay for these products is determined by the published price at the dock on the date of order plus a fixed per gallon delivery fee.

For 5,999 Gallons or Less:

- Riggins Inc., Vineland, NJ for unleaded regular gasoline at market price on the date of order plus 0.0989 cents per gallon delivery fee
- Riggins Inc., Vineland, NJ for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel at market price on the date of order plus 0.2540 cents per gallon delivery fee

For 6,000 Gallons or Greater:

- Petroleum Traders Corp, Fort Wayne, IN for unleaded regular gasoline at market price on the date of the order minus -0.00092 cents per gallon delivery fee
- Petroleum Traders Corp, Fort Wayne, IN for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel at market price on the date of the order minus -0.0335 cents per gallon delivery fee

No Bids were received for heating oil.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to award a contract to Riggins, Inc., Vineland, NJ, for unleaded regular gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel, 5,999 gallons or less, and award a contract to Petroleum Traders Corp, Fort Wayne, IN, for unleaded regular gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel above 6,000 gallons or greater for the contract period August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023, at the bid prices quoted to the Bucks County Consortium.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract

Mr. Salzer stated the bids were opened on June 9, 2022, for a contract to service and maintain the Township's traffic signal system consisting of 27 traffic signals and one flashing warning device. The successful bidder is required to perform: (1) annual preventive maintenance at each traffic control device location, and (2) 7 days per week/24-hour per day response maintenance based on actual need. The latter includes, but is not limited to, repairs resulting from traffic accidents, lightning strikes, power outages, and equipment failures.

The Township received one bid for this service from Armour & Sons Electric, Inc., Langhorne, PA. Armour has been the Township traffic signal maintenance contractor in the past, and the Administration has been satisfied with their performance. The annual maintenance cost is a fixed fee of \$7,000, while response maintenance is based on time and material costs. The hourly rates for personnel and equipment are specified in the bid proposal. The Township paid \$42,000 for these services in 2021 with \$34,000 reimbursable from third parties. The contract is proposed for a two-year period, with two one-year renewal periods at the discretion of the Township

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Gasper) to award a contract to Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. Langhorne, PA for traffic signal system preventive and response maintenance for a two-year period at the fixed and hourly rates outlined in their bid proposal form

Chairman Selisker called for Board and public comment. None was heard.

Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- Many exciting events are planned for the Senior Center for 2022. Check their website at nhsc@nhtwp.org or call 215-357-8799 for more information.

- The Parks and Recreation Department has many activities prepared for the upcoming Spring and Summer Season. Go to northamptonrec.com for an up-to-date schedule and register for the events being offered.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month. With so many activities and programs available it is impossible to list them all, but you can find the most up-to-date information on the Parks and Recreation website at northamptonrec.com.
- There are still specialty camps available in person and virtually.
- Looking for a day trip find discounted tickets through Parks and Recreation. For a complete list of discounted tickets call 215-357-6800.
- Pre-School still has spots open for the fall.
- Improvements to the Miracle League Playground have been completed and it is now open.
- The Northampton Swim Club offers swim lessons see the website for more information.

Paula Gasper made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Township Library has developed a strategic plan. The Library Board has formed an ad hoc committee to work on this plan and to reenvision the library.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Flag Day event was held on June 14th at 6:00 pm at the Civic Center. As part of the 300th Anniversary celebration, a Nike Site Marker was unveiled in conjunction with the flag day event.
- The patriot flag display is going to be moved to the library, this is a better location to honor our soldiers and to be able to preserve the history of this program.
- There are many exciting events planned for the 300th anniversary celebration. Check out the Township website at www.northamptontownship.com or Parks and Recreation at northamptonrec.com. Sign up for news alerts so you won't miss any of these local events.

Robert J. Salzer made the following announcements:

- The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a health advisory. The Municipal Authority will be preparing a press release addressing this matter.
- The Northampton Bucks County Sewer Authority is moving forward with its rehabilitation of infrastructure. This project is estimated to cost 3.8 million dollars. Approximately 16,000 linear feet of new pipe will be installed, along with 75 manholes. There will be no rate increase due to these improvements. This project has started and mailers were sent to affected property owners the third week of May. Details and timelines will be on the Municipal Authority website as they become available.

- The Municipal Authority has installed water smart software, ratepayers can sign up on the Municipal Authority website. This software is a web-based interactive tool and is provided at no charge to our ratepayers.
- Anyone who connects their downspouts or sump pumps to the sewers will be fined a charge of \$1,000 per incident.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The Municipal Authority will contact you if they notice you may have a leak before it gets out of control.
- The Zoning Hearing Board heard the proposed plan for Holland Wawa on June 20th. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. For further information see the Township website at www.northhamptontownship.com. Notices have been sent to all affected homeowners.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will be rendering a decision on June 27th at 5:00 pm on Mohan Ranade, et al. (Decision Only) For the property located at: 287 Holland Road Holland, PA 18966 ZHB Case No. 2021-12.
- There is a lot of Land Development Activity happening throughout the Township. Spring Mill Townhomes, Waverly Sub-Division, and Stoneyford Subdivision to name a few.
- The Giant Supermarket has opened.
- Stoneyford Road will be closing while installations and improvements are being made for the Stoneyford Subdivision.
- A Dunkin Donuts will be built at 960 2nd Street Pike. The three houses in that location will be demolished.
- Bucks County Roses Site will have 13 houses built on 1-acre lots.
- Three lots will be built on Bristol Road.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Elm Avenue has been milled and the sub-contractor J.D. Morrissey has been repairing the base and creating a sub-base as there wasn't one there previously. They expect to finish during the last week of June. The Public Works Department will take over and pave. The Township is reminding residents to be mindful and not drive around the barricades.

The NADC organization will be receiving a termination notice as we are required to give 180 days' notice. The Township is looking to do a study to find out what is most suitable for that site.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Look for the Township's Summer Newsletter that will be mailed out in July.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Board met in executive session for approximately 1 hour immediately before tonight's meeting. The following Board members were in attendance, the five Board members, Mr. Pellegrino, Township Manager, Mr. Wert, the Assistant Manager, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. Two matters of pending litigation and one matter of potential litigation were discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no action was required tonight because of that executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- When Elm Avenue's paving has been completed the paving will begin on the other roads that have been scheduled for this year.

Chairman Selisker stated Elm Avenue was not safe as it was and cars were damaged due to the potholes that had accumulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary