

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
July 31, 2020**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Steve Larson William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY:	Steven D. Kingsborough
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	CODES ENFORCEMENT:	Gerald Steigleman
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	REC DIRECTOR:	Denise L. Jumper
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Crystal McKenney and Ryan Green, 2 Teaberry Drive were present to request a comprehensive solution to a drainage issue that has occurred on their property due to improper grading since it was built in 1994. The driveway is eroding due to this issue and with the upcoming Township paving project in that area, it was requested that the driveway is paved up to the garage. The Supervisors would like to discuss this further and will have a decision at the August 5, 2020 meeting.

AMEER FARHAT – HOLLOWBROOK FARM, REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM STORMWATER PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDING: There was a discussion by the Supervisors and staff about concerns of Mr. Farhat possibly using his residential farm property for purposes associated with his construction business. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, on the recommendation of the Township Engineer Mr. Bud Grove, it was unanimously agreed to approve the request for exemption from a Stormwater Management Plan for an agricultural building at Hollowbrook Farm.

TPF 2020 – 17 APPLICATION BY 121 WILL FARM, LLC FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT AREA OVERLAY DISTRICT STANDARDS: Mr. Charles Courtney and Mr. Doug Gosik were present to discuss the application for Zoning Ordinance amendment. This proposed amendment would provide more innovation and greater flexibility in the Unified Development Area (UDA) Overlay District. Township Engineer Mr. Grove outlined some issues that he drafted in a memo that will be provided to Mr. Courtney so that those issues can be addressed. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman will review the Ordinances and Mr. Groves comments.

UNIFORM POLICY DISCUSSION: Roadmaster Mr. Zook reported that the Highway Department currently uses a uniform company and he is proposing to do a reimbursement or allowance with a limit like what is done with work boots. Since the Township provides shirts, jackets, gloves, safety vests and hard hats, this would just pertain to the work pants and would save a considerable amount of money versus using the uniform company. The Supervisors have asked Mr. Zook to prepare a proposal for them to review.

RECREATION UPDATE: Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper reported that she is looking towards Fall and after meeting with the Recreation Board and discussing possible options, it was agreed that the Fall Festival should be cancelled this year due to the current circumstances. Neighboring Municipalities have already

cancelled their Fall events. Mrs. Jumper proposed that equipment or materials for future events can be purchased with the funds that were allocated for the Fall Festival. The Supervisors agree with cancelling the Fall Festival. Chairman Geistwhite suggested that more shading is purchased for the park near the splash pad. It was also suggested that when the time comes to consider having the tree lighting outdoors if the current circumstances remain the same with the pandemic. There was a brief discussion about the memorial for Ashley Pyers. This memorial along with the Pyers Family is being designed by an Eagle Scout with plans for dedication on Ashley's birthday next June.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2020 – 12 ADOPTING A COVID-19 / PANDEMIC WORKPLACE PLAN:

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice- Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2020 – 12 pertaining to a COVID – 19 / Pandemic Workplace Plan.

Township Engineer Mr. Grove reported that he and Roadmaster Mr. Zook met with Mr. Jason Tiday regarding Appalachian Estates. Mr. Tiday knows what needs to be done and pledges to do so but wants to have an agreement in place with all the property owners before they start.

Roadmaster Mr. Zook reported that he, Mr. Steigleman and Mrs. Gault recently had a meeting with Carrol Ehrhart of Skelly & Loy to discuss the upcoming MS4 projects on W. Middlesex Road and Wolf Bridge Road. There are some changes to the project that will need to be resubmitted to DEP due to the grant funding that Middlesex Township was awarded for this project.

The Roadmaster reported that paving will begin next week on Teaberry Drive, Crabapple Way & Barley Field Circle. Time and weather permitting they will be patching on Bernheisel Bridge Road and Country Club Drive.

Supervisor Goodhart stated that he had received some phone calls with regards to the abandon mobile homes in Country Manor. Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer Mr. Steigleman reported that Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter has issued some demolition permits for mobile homes in Country Manor and Regency Woods. Mr. Steigleman will be doing inspections of the mobile homes to follow up with the letters that were sent out to the mobile homeowners.

Supervisor Goodhart then asked about the Comprehensive Plan. Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that the Planning Commission is working on the Comprehensive Plan with the help of the County Planning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:53 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. The meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to reaffirm the filing of the Purdue Pharma Proof of Claim.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.