

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2013

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Sheldon Simpson ----- Chairman
Lenore Bruno ----- Vice-Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Vince Gillen
Maria Weidinger

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow Associates
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
Karen Franck ----- Parks & Recreation Dir.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Mr. Simpson asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

Council went out of the regular order of the agenda to handle the following items:

Service and Devotion Monument - Mr. Simpson stated that through the efforts of local veteran, George Gunning, Jr., and the committee that worked with him, a Service and Devotion Monument is ready to be put out to bid and will be built in Community Center Park at the corner of Germantown Pike and Walton Road. The monument will honor the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance. A special area will be dedicated to fallen Officer, Brad Fox. This is the only monument in the State of PA recognizing these

groups and Officer Fox. Mr. Gunning thanked the committee, staff, Council, Ms. Franck and Ms. Weiss this evening for their efforts in moving this endeavor forward. Dedication of the monument is planned near Veterans Day in November. Mr. Simpson mentioned that the committee is looking for volunteers and a meeting will be held on April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

PRPS Awards - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Parks and Recreation Department has received two Excellence in Program Awards for 2013 from the PA Parks and Recreation Society. The awards are for the Martin Luther King Day of Service and the Holiday Swim and Gift programs. Ms. Weidinger thanked staff for initiating these programs.

Mr. Chris Manero was present this evening on behalf of his High School Baseball Team and presented hats to Chief Lawrence in recognition of the Plymouth Township Police Department, fallen Officer Brad Fox, and first responders in the community. #178 is located on the back of the hats which was Officer Fox's badge number.

Council then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held April 1, 2013
Executive Session held April 8, 2013

Mr. Simpson announced that Council held an Executive Session on April 1, 2013 and April 8, 2013 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Simpson called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting March 4, 2013
- b. Regular Meeting March 11, 2013

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Intermunicipal Agreement Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing Plymouth Township and the Municipality of Norristown to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with respect to the ownership and maintenance of the proposed Lafayette Street over Ross Street Bridge, Section R/W in Montgomery County, prepared by McCormick Taylor, proposed structure Number BPAA-46825, Revision date January 25, 2013. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b. L. Fox Agreement - This item was not discussed this evening.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Lawrence stated that a National Memorial will be held in Washington, D.C. where a tribute will be made to Officer Brad Fox. There will be an unveiling of Officer Fox's name on the memorial and numerous Plymouth Township Police Officers will be in attendance. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that the Township reimburse the officers attending the ceremony at \$25.00 per day for a food allowance and \$75.00 per day for the hotel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gillen; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Mosquito Control Announcement - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Township is conducting the mosquito spraying program again this year which includes treatments in all Township parks and certain tributaries running through Plymouth Township from May through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-277-4100, extension 4229.

b. I-476/PA 309 Traffic Management Agreements - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a program with the PA Department of Transportation whereby fiber optics will be installed along a section of Germantown Pike at a cost covered by the State. It will

allow messaging and monitoring of traffic. In order to enter into the program, there are several Traffic Management Agreements that the State is requiring that the Township complete. Mr. Speers read the resolution pertaining to such and Ms. Bruno made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 11-3 Plymouhtowne Apts/Fairfield & Sandy Hill Roads

1. Extension granted to September 1, 2013- ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b.L.D. 12-2 ENOAP, LLC/Cold Point Village II

1.Expiration date June 29, 2013 -

c.L.D. 12-3 LFT Realty Group, Inc./725 Conshohocken Road

1.Expiration date April 8, 2013 - ACTION - Ms. Weiss read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township Council does hereby approve the final Land Development Plan 12-3 for the Plymouth Industrial Center, owner and LFT Realty Group, Inc. developer located at 725 Conshohocken Road in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read for the project known as the Proving Grounds. Mike Clement was present on behalf of the developer and agreed to the resolution as read. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

d.L.D. 12-4 Conicelli./1010 Ridge Pike

1. Expiration date June 14, 2013

e.L.D. 13-1 Plymouth Meeting Friends School

1. Expiration date July 24, 2013

f.Extension Requests to Record L.D. Plans - ACTION

1. Homewood Suites to July 1, 2013 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ninety day extension request for Homewood Suites until July 1, 2013 and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Gillen left due to a family emergency.

2. **TB-BDN Plymouth Apartments to July 1, 2013** - Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the extension request for TB-BDN until July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

g.L & S Demolition - Final Escrow Release Resolution - ACTION - Ms. Weiss read the resolution releasing the final security under the improvement agreement for L & S Demolition under and subject to the conditions read. A representative of the developer was present and agreed to the resolution as read. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

h.Belvoir Estates - Resident Requests - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of requests from seven residents from Belvoir Estates regarding landscape issues and site improvements. This is basically concerning shade trees and other trees being installed in the development. The residents are requesting that the trees that they planted remain in place instead of the new plantings. The request is for the following properties on Gallagher Court: 1643, 1635, 1648, 1640, 1644, 1641 and 1650. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant a waiver from the original plan presented with the development for the landscaping design in order to approve the requests of the homeowners. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Mr. Eisenberger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 15, 2013 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) AVA LAND HOLDING, 2) 516 & 518 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD HOLDINGS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP C/O CW CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC, 3) GREGORY M. BORKOWSKI/SCB FITNESS, INC. (CHRIS ZARO COMPANY) AND 4) RBE J, LTD. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b.Opposition - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that Council send the Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on April 15th to voice its opposition to the AVA Land Holding application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that Council oppose the Gregory M. Borkowski/SCB Fitness, Inc. (Chris Zaro) application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion failed with Ms. Bruno opposed, Mr. Eisenberger in favor, Mr. Simpson opposed and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

Mr. Simpson made a motion that Council oppose the RBEJ, Ltd. Application unless the applicant changes his request to Option B for the installation of the sign located at 1310 Germantown Pike. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

c.Certificate of Appropriateness - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Plymouth Meeting Friends School located at 2150 Butler Pike for a new building design for the previously approved new building on the campus. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was absent.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.Plymouth Township Day Announcement - Ms. Bruno announced that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the East Plymouth Valley Park. She provided a list of highlights and attractions for the event. All are welcome to attend.

d.PRPS Awards - This item was discussed earlier in the evening.

c.Service and Devotion Monument - This item was discussed earlier in the evening.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

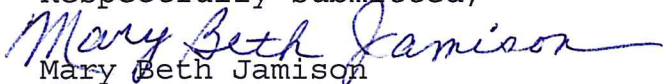
Mr. John Kraus, Traverse Drive mentioned what he believes to be violations of the code by the Township residents, in particular parking the wrong way on Township roads and visibility at intersections. Mr. Kraus cited an example of this violation to Chief Lawrence and was not pleased with the response that he received. Mr. Simpson suggested that a meeting being held within the next two weeks with Mr. Kraus, Chief Lawrence and Ms. Weiss in order to resolve this matter. Ms. Weiss will coordinate the meeting date and time.

Don Bailey, 465 Jefferson Street mentioned that his wife's car was recently broken into and asked that neighborhood Watch Signs be installed in the Black Horse section of the Township. Mr. Simpson stated that he will meet with Chief Lawrence regarding this matter and then get back to him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary