

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2023

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

Council: Chris Manero ----- Chairman
Karen Bramblett ----- Vice-Chairman
Kathy Bandish
Lynne Viscio
Nicholas Whitney @ 7:09

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Mike Clarke ----- Solicitor
Alex Glassman ----- Solicitor's Office
Bob Jordan ----- Woodrow & Associates
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police

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

PUBLIC COMMENT- There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

Citizen Board Resolutions- ACTION-

1) **Joretha Bourjolly- Human Relations Commission-** Ms. Bramblett read the resolution recognizing Joretha Bourjolly for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Human Relations Commission from June 2018 through December 2022. Council extends its appreciation to Joretha Bourjolly who served with commitment and dedication. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Whitney was absent.

2) **Denise Pygatt- Zoning Hearing Board-** Ms. Bandish read the resolution recognizing Denise Pygatt for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Zoning Hearing Board from January 2018 through December 2022. Council extends its appreciation to Denise Pygatt who served with commitment and dedication. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Whitney was absent.

3) **Ben Deatrigh- Environmental Advisory Board-** Ms. Viscio read the resolution recognizing Ben Deatrigh for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Environmental Advisory Board from September 2021 through December 2022. Council extends its appreciation to Ben Deatrigh who served with commitment and dedication. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Whitney was absent.

4) **Mike Perez- Parks, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board-** Mr. Manero read the resolution recognizing Mike Perez for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Parks, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board from January 2019 through December 2022. Council extends its appreciation to Mike Perez who served with commitment and dedication. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Whitney was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held January 3, 2023
Executive Session held February 6, 2023

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- January 3, 2023
- b. Reorganization Meeting ----- January 3, 2023
- c. Regular Meeting ----- January 9, 2023

Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

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

Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

a. **Snow Announcement-** Ms. Bandish reminded residents that the Township Snow Policy is in effect and then read the official policy.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Extension granted to May 20, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
- b. **L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2023
- c. **S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**
 - 1) Time Limit Waived
- d. **L.D. 21-1 Kelman and Magliari Realty, LLC/2070 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2023
- e. **S.D. 21-3 David Erb, Jr./101 North Lane**
 - 1) Expiration date March 30, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Clarke read the resolution to approve this sub-division plan. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
- f. **L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/Riverview Land Development**
 - 1) Extension granted to April 15, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
- g. **L.D. 22-2 Conicelli Autoplex/1208 Ridge Pike/Hyundai**
 - 1) Extension granted to March 28, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
- h. **S.D. 22-1 Royal Farms/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Extension granted to April 1, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

- a. **Extension Requests- ACTION-**
 - 1) **FWOT Amendment to Conditional Approval Resolution- ACTION-** Mr. Clarke read the resolution. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Bandish.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

a. Escrow Releases- ACTION-

1) **Driscoll Tract- Phase 11-** Ms. Viscio stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$81,121.75. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

2) **Driscoll Tract- Phase 1A-** Ms. Viscio stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$785,866.37. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

3) **Driscoll Tract- Phase 1B-** Ms. Viscio stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$525,049.39. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

4) **Cold Point Village Station-** Ms. Viscio stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to \$266,265.50. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

a. Plymouth Fire Company- Building Permit Fee Waiver Request- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the permit fee waiver for Plymouth Fire Company. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

b. Harmonville Fire Co.- Building Permit Waiver Request- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the permit fee waiver for Harmoville Fire Co. The motion was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings- 3 Continued Hearings for Butler Pike Apartments, LLC Announcement- Ms. Bandish announced that a continuation of last month's Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 20, 2023 commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following applications: 1) 1234 Butler Pike Lot 1- Zoning, 2) 1234 Butler Pike Lot 2- Zoning, and 3) 1316 Butler Pike- Zoning. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b. Opposition- Ms. Bandish made a motion to rescind the opposition vote taken on January 9, 2023, on the Butler Pike Apartments, LLC appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Upcoming Events- Ms. Viscio stated the following are upcoming events: Schools out Activity Days on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th; Inflatable Float Day on Sunday, February 19th; Resident Camp Registration on Tuesday, February 21st; Black History Month Tribute on Saturday, February 25th, and Save the Date Plymouth Township Day- Saturday, June 3rd. In addition, applications are being accepted for Veteran banners that will be hung at the GPC Park, deadline is April 1st. For further information, please visit the Greater Plymouth Community Centers website or by calling (610) 277-4312.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancy Announcement- Mr. Whitney stated the following citizen board positions are open: three positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board, one on the Historical Architectural Review Board, one on the Environmental Advisory Board, one on the Human Relations Commission, one on the Parks Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board, and one on the Zoning Hearing Board. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

b. Appointment- Ms. Bramblett stated she would like to make a motion to appoint Martin Higgins to fill the Zoning Hearing Board position and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Gail Plant- from CAARSEA, Colonial Area Anti-Racism Social Equity Alliance, stated they have approved a code blue shelter at Church on the Mall. A non-profit partner, Your Way Home, has made it possible, providing necessary resources. Ms. Plant is asking Council to provide their support. Mr. Manero asked for clarification of when and how long someone can stay at the shelter. Ms. Plant stated when Montgomery County declares a Code Blue, the shelter will be open for 12 hours, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.; monitors will be at the shelter with 4 three-hour shifts.

Mr. Manero asked if there are any other shelters. Ms. Plant stated yes, one in Norristown and Lansdale. Mr. Manero asked if there is some kind of shelter for warmer weather. Ms. Plant stated yes it is called, Red Summer. However, there are no shelters since during the day is when it is the hottest and public spaces are used for air conditioning. Ms. Viscio asked if there is any way to track those who are homeless and alerting them to shelters. Ms. Plant stated yes, they have collaborated with SEPTA.

Ms. Viscio asked if the shelter provides meals. Ms. Plant stated yes, they have partnered with Whole Foods, Chick-fil-a, and Panera Bread. Ms. Bandish asked if the County has any programs to follow up with those who are homeless and help them in obtaining permanent homes. Ms. Plant stated yes. Ms. Bramblett commended Ms. Plant for pulling these resources together. Mr. Manero asked if Council needs to approve anything for this. Mr. Clarke stated no. Ms. Ardis Lukens asked if animals are allowed in the shelter. Ms. Plant stated they have not taken into consideration animals, but could explore that.

Adam Schildt- stated he was here back in July of 2022 about East Plymouth Valley Park regarding the noise from the speakers during the baseball games. Mr. Schildt stated he would like to know what action was taken regarding these concerns. Mr. Schildt voiced his concerns about the speakers. Mr. Manero stated he will follow-up on this matter.

Ardis Lukens- wanted to thank Council and the Police Department for what has been done down at Conshohocken Road. Ms. Lukens is requesting a continuation of the sidewalk under the Blue Route to the second stop sign at Old Elm Street. In addition, she stated handicap-parking spots are difficult to find. Mr. Manero asked what kind of request would be needed for handicap parking. Chief Myrsiades stated it does not need to come from a resident, but anyone with a handicapped placard could use the space.

Carol Betham- stated they cindered Light Street and Fulton Street. Ms. Betham stated she was the one inquiring about the handicap spaces.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary