

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2024

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

Council: Karen Bramblett ----- Chair
Lynne Viscio ----- Vice-Chair
Nicholas Whitney
Kristin Frederick Leonard
Aaron Nelson

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Mike Clarke ----- Solicitor
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates

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

ANNOUNCEMENT - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024, COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ALL CITIZEN BOARD MEETINGS RETURN TO 700 BELVOIR ROAD.

July 8th Presentation - Hope Cards - Ann Cornell - Mr. Noah Marlier, Prothonotary and Ms. Ann Cornell presented an overview of what the Prothonotary's Office is responsible for. One of the things they are in charge of is recording and filing legal papers for Protections from Abuse (PFA). Mr. Marlier stated they have a new initiative called the Hope Card Program, which is a business-card-sized document that is sent to every individual who has been granted a final Protection from Abuse order. Mr. Marlier stated this allows an individual to have immediate information on hand.

In addition, Mr. Marlier stated you can now file electronically for a PFA Petition Packet, which has cut down on the time and is keeping people safe. Chief Myrsiades asked if they have advertised this on their website so that they can share this information. Ms. Cornell stated yes. Ms. Viscio asked if a person automatically receives a Hope Card. Mr. Marlier stated yes it comes with the PFA orders. Mr. Nelson asked if the process on how to delete your search history is online.

Mr. Marlier stated you can exit out of the page easily, but they do not have a clearing of the browser's history.

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

20 Years of Service Resolution - Leonard Hess - ACTION- Ms. Viscio read the resolution recognizing Leonard Hess for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the IT Department since July 1, 2004, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Leonard Hess who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Leonard Hess. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held July 1, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairwoman Bramblett called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- June 3, 2024
- b. Regular Meeting ----- June 10, 2024

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

a. RCO Amendment Ordinance - Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Clarke read the ordinance amending the code of Plymouth Township regarding the Responsible Contractors Ordinance. Mr. Nelson made a motion to amend the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Viscio.

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

b. BCA Audit Engagement - LAM Management Services, Inc. - ACTION- Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the early renewal for this contract and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

c. Announcement- Next Town Hall Topic- Sidewalks - Ms. Bramblett announced that there will be a town hall meeting regarding sidewalks on September 18, 2024 at the Township Building commencing at 7:00 p.m. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public meeting and have an opportunity to be heard.

d. Mulhern Consulting Engineers - Lighting Consultant Appointment- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to appoint Mulhern Consulting Engineers as our new Township Lighting consultant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2024
- b. **S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**
 - 1) Time Limit Waived
- c. **L.D. 21-1 Kelman and Magliari Realty, LLC/2070 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2024
- d. **L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/Riverview Land Development**
 - 1) Extension granted to September 15, 2024 - **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. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

- e. **L.D. 23-1 Plymouth Mtg. KPG III, LLC/502 W. Germantown Pike**
1) Extension granted to August 12, 2024- **ACTION**- Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Frank Johnson asked if this is the apartment project at the mall. Ms. Bramblett stated yes. Mr. Johnson asked how many units would be in the building. Ms. Bramblett stated 149 units. Mr. Johnson asked if each unit has to have certain parking spaces. Mr. Clarke stated correct. Mr. Johnson asked how you eliminate parking for existing uses within the mall. Mr. Clarke stated the Township's Traffic Engineer would make that determination making sure there is sufficient parking.

Mr. Ed Sturm stated parking and traffic congestion is terrible around that area on Germantown Pike. Mr. Sturm asked if the old IKEA building would be turned into apartments. Mr. Clarke stated yes that use has been approved. Mr. Sturm asked how many units will that be. Mr. Clarke stated between 250 to 280 units. Mr. Sturm expressed his concerns with this project. Mr. Johnson asked if there is a limit of apartments for this property. Mr. Clarke stated if the PREIT and Keystone apartments go in, the Shopping Center District would meet its capacity. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

- f. **L.D. 23-2 Outback Steakhouse Rebuild/322 Ridge Pike**
1) Expiration date July 31, 2024- **ACTION** - Mr. Clarke read the Conditional Approval resolution. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.
- g. **L.D. 24-1 1402 Ridge Pike Associates, LLC/KIA Service Drive-Thru Garage**
1) Time Limit Waived
- h. **L.D. 24-3 St. George Coptic Orthodox Church/2907 Jolly Road**
1) Extension granted to October 25, 2024- **ACTION**- Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

- a. **Extension Request- ACTION**

1) **Exeter 527 Plymouth, LP to August 11, 2025-** Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

a. Escrow Release- ACTION-

1) **Craft Custom Homes/2622 Butler Pike-** Ms. Viscio stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$109,285. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

ZONING

a. **Zoning Hearing Continued - 600 Treaty Road Fence -** Ms. Bramblett announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 15, 2024 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. **Upcoming Events-** Mr. Nelson stated the following are upcoming events: Concert: The Chris Wolf Band on July 10th; Coffee & Cards on July 15th; Movie: Barbie on July 17th; Adventure (Aquarium) Night at the Pool on July 19th; Concert: Box of Books on July 24th; Movie: Spider Man- Across the Spider-Verse on July 31st; National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th. The first week in August, fall program registration is open. In addition, the Community Center's shutdown week will be August 26th to 30th. For further information, please visit the Greater Plymouth Community Center's website or by calling (610) 277-4312.

b. **Park & Recreation Professionals Day Proclamation -** Ms. Leonard read the proclamation for Park & Recreation Professionals Day. Ms. Leonard made a motion to adopt this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Viscio.

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

c. Bills of Sale - Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve the two bills of sale and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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 Human Relations Commission, 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. Environmental Advisory Board Appointment - Mr. Whitney made a motion to appoint Frank McCreesh to the Environmental Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Bramblett in favor.

c. Communication Advisory Committee Update - Ms. Viscio gave Council an update regarding the Communication Advisory Committee. She stated a survey will go out to residents asking where, what, and how our communication is in the Township. In addition, the committee is currently looking at other Townships means of communication. Ms. Weiss stated we will be getting a new website and one of the features is to push important information out to residents.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Riley McNichols asked if the 12 new homes off Plymouth Road are building more than what was approved. Ms. Weiss stated the developer put together several parcels and believes there will be 15 new homes on the cul-de-sac.

Ms. Ardis Lukens asked about the status of the crosswalk and guardrails for Conshohocken Road.

Chief Myrsiades stated he constantly keeps up with the Traffic Engineer and PennDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary