

Community Development Committee Members - Commissioner and Committee Chair Kevin C. Spearing, Commissioners Kip McFatrige, Anthony S. Prousi, Paul E. Purtell, Director of Code Enforcement, David Elsier, Director of Public Works

I. **Moment of Silent Meditation**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Prousi in the absence of Committee Chair and Commissioner Kevin C. Spearing.

VI. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Prousi and McFatrige, Mr. Elsier and Mr. Purtell. Absent: Committee Chair and Commissioner Spearing. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, James Hersh, Township Engineer, Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.

V. **Presentations/Announcements**

VI. **Approval of Minutes** – January 23, 2023:

- Commissioner Prousi inquired about posting the concept for a plastic bag ban in the Spring Newsletter and Mr. Candland replied that information is being prepared.
- The Committee unanimously approved the minutes, as submitted.

VII. **Land Development/Subdivision** – Nothing to report.

VIII. **New Business:**

- Commissioner McFatrige inquired about the KCBA plans for the municipal buildings regarding the timeline and acquiring information from the civil engineer.
- Mr. Hersh explained the following progression:
 - Authorization was given by the Board of Commissioners at the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting to perform a topographic survey on existing features, which will be done in March and finished in April;
 - Then move to a phase to develop civil plans with KCBA;
 - With authorization from the Board of Commissioners, the civil plans and stormwater permitting would be generated.
- The Committee directed that a kickoff meeting be held and Mr. Hersh to provide the proposal.
- The Committee will discuss the proposal from Gilmore & Associates for site design services at the March 13, 2023 Community Development Committee Meeting.

IX. **Old Business:**

- A. Maryland Road Culvert Project - Anton Kuhner, McMahon Associates, discussed the following:
- Reviewed the rehabilitation replacement option chosen to build a structure within the structure with a smaller hydraulic opening, resulting in a one-inch increase in the floodway elevations.
 - FEMA was contacted for their perspective and approval process. It was determined that the Township can proceed with the design and construction to be followed by a closeout process with FEMA and update the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).
 - Commissioner Prousi inquired about incurring fees or penalties, should the water level increase after construction. Mr. Kuhner replied there are no regulations since structures do

not exist in the floodway to be impacted.

- The next step for the Board of Commissioners is to authorize a design proposal and to provide funding.
 - The Committee directed Mr. Kuhner to provide a timeline, costs and funding opportunities to be discussed at a future Community Development Committee Meeting.
- B. Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Opportunities Update – Mr. Candland discussed the following:
- The Township holds three outstanding grants and the County may not award further funding.
 - Horsham Township was approached but declined to partner on submitting a joint grant application for pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Blair Mill Road and Easton Road.
 - If the Township submits to the Grant, the application would be for continuing the sidewalks along Warminster Road.
 - Commissioner McFatridge commented disappointment with Horsham’s decision.
 - Mr. Candland explained that the Montco 2040 Grant does not provide funding for intersection work and, Horsham had already committed use for the application.
 - Mr. Kuhner recommends that the intersection project plans be further developed and referenced how the Warminster Road project was denied from the first grant application.
 - The Committee agreed to withhold a grant application until further plans are developed.

X. Other Items:

- A. Sidewalk connection along Davisville and Terwood Roads – The Committee discussed details about the following conceptual options for pedestrians and bicyclists:
- Layout A, for a paved trail through private property, requires easements and a handicap ramp continue up Davisville Road.
 - Layout B is for a paved trail through the right-of-way exiting onto Pennypack Road. The trail could be widened into a pedestrian/bicycle path, more of a direct connection to the YMCA, and is a viable solution in the short-term.
 - Commissioner Valenza shared neighbors’ concerns on the lack of a sidewalk along Davisville Road that connects to the blacktop trail leading to the YMCA.
 - The Committee directed Mr. Hersh and Mr. Kuhner to collaborate on solutions with costs and provide a proposal.
 - The Committee will continue a discussion at a future Community Development Committee Meeting.

XI. Acceptance and Approval of the following monthly reports for November and December 2022:

- A. Code Enforcement Department Report – Nothing further to report.
- B. Public Works Department Report and Recycling Report – Nothing further to report.
- C. Township Engineer and Landscape Architect Report – Mr. Hersh discussed the following:
- The Farmstead Park roofing project bid packages are ready and will be advertised this week.
 - Commissioner McFatridge commented about ARPA funds for outstanding landscaping items that include painting light poles on Davisville Road, and clean-up of areas around the town center.
 - Commissioner McFatridge thanked the Parks and Recreation maintenance crew for the recent clean-up work in areas under the railroad bridge and around the Township.
 - Sue Worth-LaManna, Chair of the Historical Commission, asked to have the light turned

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on in the County parking lot. Mr. Elsier will contact the County's maintenance department.

- D. Traffic Engineer's Report – Mr. Kuhner reviewed updates in the report.
- The Committee suggested expediting the Warminster Road sidewalks while the road is closed during April.
- E. Eastern Montgomery County Turnpike Interchanges Group – Nothing to report.
- F. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) - Dr. Lynnette Saunders, Chair, discussed the following:
- Work continues in an effort to increase public support for a Plastic Bag Ban. Information will be posted in the Township's Spring Newsletter and made available at the Earth Day Event. Mr. Candland replied that opinions from residents will be reviewed again in approximately six months.
 - The Committee commented concerns about the obligation imposed on businesses and the administrative responsibility of Code Enforcement to oversee observance of an ordinance.
 - The Committee agreed that another survey be broadcast to the public by the Fall.
 - Thanked the Board of Commissioners for authorizing a Bird Town resolution.
 - Planning continues for the Earth Day Event in April. Booths will be set up along with a Briar Bush animal presentation. Representative Nancy Guenst and Senator Maria Collett have said that they will attend.
- G. Upper Moreland Historical Commission – Sue Worth-LaManna, President, reported on the following:
- Suggested the idea for banner toppers of street signs to be printed with a depiction and the year of 1910.
 - Information regarding the replacement of the Bryn Athyn Bridge over Fetters Mill will be provided to the Committee.
 - Jean Sorg, Recorder of Deeds, can present a free lecture to the Township and community on the historical deed searching process for homeowners. Commissioner Prousi suggested that the Historical Association may want to add it to their 2023 lecture series.
 - Commissioner Prousi commented about a presentation on the Willow Inn at a future Community Development Committee Meeting.
 - Commissioner Prousi clarified that internal staff at the Commission will prepare a complete historical inventory listing, which will be provided to the Board of Commissioners.

XII. **Redevelopment** – Nothing to report.

XIII. **Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.

XIV. **Commissioner Comments**

XVI. **Adjournment** - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.