

West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 15, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider, Bernie Couris, Member, Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager and Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Jacobs announced that an Executive Session was held before the Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the Open Space Advisory Commission to discuss Real Estate.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the October 1, 2018 minutes as submitted; Mr. Couris seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked what the bullet points of the Executive Session were.

**Reports:**

**Police Report:** Sargent Russell gave the report which reviewed police activities from the month of September.

**Bills List:** **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List dated October 15, 2018 in the total amount of \$82,692.65; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Batdorf reviewed the report for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup>. This report is posted on the website. Ms. Batdorf answered a few comments from residents.

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Subdivision/Land Development:**

**1024 Pottstown Pike Land Development Application - Acknowledge Receipt** - The Board acknowledged receipt of this Land Development Application.

**Weatherstone Phase II Commercial Plan - Resolution of Approval** - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve Resolution 28-2018, Amended Preliminary/Final Weatherstone Settlement Plan Approval - Weatherstone Commercial Area Phase II; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Weatherstone Day Care Center - Escrow Release No. 1** - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Escrow Reduction Request #1 for the Weatherstone Day Care site improvements

submitted by the Hankin Group for the amount of \$164,568.60; second by Mr. Couris. ***Motion carries unanimously.***

### **Old Business:**

**Historic Resources Commission Ordinance Public Hearing** – Solicitor McGrory opened the public hearing on the Historic Resources Commission Ordinance. This ordinance concerns the establishment of a Historic Resources Commission.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** – Concerning the rotating of initial appointments, during the 2019 reorganization meeting, how many people will be reappointed? Solicitor McGrory discussed the appointment process.

**Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane** – Would the Board consider holding off on appointments? Mr. Jacobs asked if we should wait until January to make the appointments; why can't people be appointed now until January. Solicitor McGrory stated it can be done however the Board chooses. Ms. Shick stated it would be inconvenient either way but that there are people on the HRC who are very anxious to have an HC established.

**Dora Dunbach** – Years go by so quickly, why will people be dropped after one year?

**Jane Helm, 2563 Veronica Drive** – Vice-Chair of the EAC; the Historic Commission will replace the EAC and while the EAC is very eager to have this passed on to folks that know what they are doing, she thinks they can stick it out for a couple of months if it makes everything more simple.

**Solicitor McGrory asked if there were any more comments or questions; seeing none, the Public Hearing was closed and the meeting was reconvened into the Public Meeting to vote on the adoption of Ordinance No. 184-2018.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve Ordinance No. 184-2018, Amending Article XXIV of the Township Zoning Ordinance, Historic Preservation Overlay District, Establishing the West Vincent Township Historical Commission, Providing for the Membership Process, Organization, Meeting Requirements, Compensation, Appropriation, Responsibilities and Removal of Members; second by Mr. Couris.

Solicitor McGrory noted that there is one minor change; Section 2401.1 B, *up to seven members* should be removed and it should state *shall consist of five members*. Ms. Shick asked if you can strike items without being re-advertised. Mr. Jacobs spoke about the applications. Ms. Batdorf stated that we have received four applications; we will put a reminder on the website asking for applications. ***Motion carries unanimously.***

### **New Business:**

**Natural Lands Demolition Permit – Decision on Class II Historic Structure – Domestic Outbuilding located at 1880 Flint Road** – **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to allow for the demolition of the Class II Historic Structure, Domestic Outbuilding located at 1880 Flint Road; second by Mr. Couris.

**Brian Sundermier, Natural Lands Trust** - read a statement on the reasoning for allowing for the demolition of the domestic outbuilding.

Mr. Jacobs asked Mr. Sundermier if he had monetary figures on the cost of rehabbing. Could the building be used to enhance the building that Natural Lands is keeping? Mr. Couris asked if anyone dated the hearth that is in the shed. Is the building almost entirely German siding? What's the latest feedback from the EAC?

There were many comments from residents regarding the demolition decision. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to table the **MOTION**. Mr. Jacobs asked the EAC

to go back, discuss and vote on a decision. They will schedule a special meeting to discuss this. The demolition will then be put on the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors meeting which will be November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to table the motion to demolish the domestic outbuilding; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Review - NLT Sign Placement** - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the placement of signs for the Bryn Coed Preserve on Saint Matthews Road and Flint Road; second by Mr. Couris. Mr. Sundermeir answered a couple of questions from residents regarding size of signage and where they will be placed. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Request of Kimberton Hunt to Park at Bryn Coed Park** - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to allow Kimberton Hunt to Park at Bryn Coed Park; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Payment** - Ms. Batdorf discussed this payment. **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the payment of \$16,287.57 from the Township General Fund into the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Purchase of Police Patrol Car** - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to authorize Police Chief Swinger to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe from Patriot Chevrolet at a cost of \$37,278.00 under COSTARS and to authorize \$7,145.11 to outfit the vehicle for police work through Emergency Vehicle Outfitters which is also under COSTARS for a total of \$44,423.11; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Board Meeting Schedule Discussion** - Mr. Couris discussed this. He would like to consider changing the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule from two meetings a month to one meeting a month. Mr. Couris feels that it takes double the work by the staff to get prepared for the meetings. After a short discussion, no decision was made.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

**Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane** explained the composition of the EAC and the HRC in answer to a previous question.

**Donna Delaney, 2147 Beaver Hill Road** asked Mr. McGrory if calling the demolition of the buildings on the township's portion of Bryn Coed maintenance is legal.

**Maria Jacobs, 2351 Beaver Hill Road** reminded everyone that on October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a Fall Festival in the Township Park.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adjourn was brought forward.

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to adjourn; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn  
Township Secretary