

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 1st Vice-chairman Grey Godshall, 2nd Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed and Supervisor Drew Darrah; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Chief of Police Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esquire; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz and Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire were absent (excused).

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gerald Theil, 811 Allentown Road, inquired about the comments received from DEP relating to the Earlington Area 3M Component planning. Mr. Baver stated that the FSA is still seeking support from the Telford Borough Authority and that the matter would be presented to the BOS at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Matt Holiday, Lower Salford resident, commented on the Lincoln Woods land development proposal relating to a planned trail. Mr. Baver reported that the trail in question has been removed from the proposed land development and that Mr. Holiday should confirm this action with the Planning Commission as the plan has not been presented to the BOS for any action at this time.

A resident expressed his concern regarding parking on Harleysville Pike (113) between Cowpath Road and Indian Crest Middle School. Chief Kozeniewski stated that parking is permitted along the roadway and he should convey his concerns to the SASD as they permit use of the athletic fields. The Chief will contact the SASD too.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2007 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve the April 16, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Darrah to adopt Resolution 07-14-21-05 – A Resolution Amending Prior Township Resolutions to Establish Revised Impact Fees for Transportation Service Areas I, II and III. In Furtherance of the Township Transportation Capital Improvement Program as Authorized by Act 209 of 1990. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall to adopt Resolution 07-15-21-05 – A Resolution Revising Application Fees, Filing Fees, Permit Fees, Inspection Fees, Escrow Requirements and Fees for the Purchase of Township Maps and Documents. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the Conditional Use application of Reformed Baptist Church subject to the following conditions: 1) that development an use of the subject property be in conformance with the testimony and exhibits presented at the hearing; 2) that the Church located on the property be connect to public sewer if and when it becomes available on the site; and 3) that the applicant satisfy all conditions of the March 13, 2007 decision of the zoning hearing board relevant to the proposed use. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the TH Properties Lincoln Woods conditional use application subject to the following conditions;1) that development and use of the property be in conformance with the testimony and exhibits presented at the hearing; 2) that applicant conform with Turnpike Commission regulations and dedicate additional right-of-way (if any) required by the commission at the time of Township land development approval; and 3) that the applicant satisfy the concerns of Township land Planner Joseph Zadlo as expressed in his April 3, 2007 letter offering comment on the proposed development. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report for April 2007.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for April 2007.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for April 2007.

ENGINEERING REPORT – BARRY L. WERT, P.E.

Mr. Wert reported that there are no exceptions to the Weimer Group Land Development.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, and to provide authorization for the Treasurer to pay all bills for the respective funds as presented on Voucher No. 07-21-05 dated May 21, 2007 in the amount of \$ 284,650.19. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of May 19, 2007 through June 15, 2007 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 07-16-21-05 - A Resolution Granting Conditional Preliminary Approval for the Weimer Group Land Development (#03-06) – Schoolhouse Road. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 07-17-21-05 - A Resolution Supporting the Quakertown Rail Restoration Project. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, June 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary