

REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Holtzinger. Vice Chairman Wes Thomason and Jason Phillips were also present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Susan Smith, Solicitor, Law Offices of Susan Smith. Kevin Fox, Gannett Fleming; Bill Ceravola, Officer in Charge; Jerry Shank, Planning Commission; Jason Grim, Public Works; Bradley Kommeth, Department of Emergency Services; Bony Dawood, Jen Goldhahn, Rodney Hollabaugh, Ken Legore, Jeff and Luanne Megonnell and Steve Junkin.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Ordinance amendments to sign regulations
Chairman Holtzinger opened the hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Holtzinger closed the public hearing.

Zoning Ordinance amendments to fence regulations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Holtzinger sent his condolences to Andrew Karabinos family. Andrew was killed in an auto accident and was a junior member of the fire department.

MINUTES

Minutes from the June 20th, Board of Supervisors Special Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chesterfield-Phase 2

Waiver Requests

§22-403(7)(c) to waive the requirement for street intersection to have a leveling area which shall have a minimum of one hundred feet as measured from the intersection of the centerlines within which no grade shall exceed a maximum of 4 percent. Mr. Fox stated it would be an expensive change, but he cannot look at the cost he must go by the Ordinance. He stated it should have been caught earlier. Mr. Thomason questioned Mr. Fox as to if it would affect stormwater. Mr. Fox does not believe it will. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve waiver §22-403(7)(c), no grade shall exceed a maximum of 4 percent, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

§22-403(1)(c)(3) to waive the requirement that access drives (driveways) may not be within twenty-five feet of an intersection. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve waiver for §22-403(1)(c)(3), that access drives may not be within 25 feet of an intersection, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Chesterfield Phase 2 Final Subdivision Plan #2022-01

Mr. Phillips made a motion to conditionally approve Chesterfield Final Subdivision Plan with the following conditions being met.

1. Section 22-306(7)(c): requires that all seals, certifications, and signatures shall be provided on the plan set to facilitate recordation of the Final Plan.
2. All administrative fees paid.

Second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Smith stated they do not have to pay recreation fees because the plan is grandfathered in. Mr. Dawood stated he would still make a small donation to the recreation account.

Hampton Heights Phase V Modification request- Acknowledge submission

The following were Phase V modification requests.

1. Curbing requirement-Vertical curbing shall be constructed for projects in accordance with PADOT publication 408. Mr. Fox did not have a problem granting this modification request. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the modification for the curbing requirements, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.
2. Section 403 B-Street Widths. Requirement-minor streets with lot frontages from 60-100 feet shall have a thirty-two' wide cartway. The proposal was to construct a 28-foot-wide street with curb with one side street parking. Mr. Fox does not have a problem granting this waiver as well. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the modification request for the 28-foot-wide street with curb and one side street parking, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.
3. Section 306A Contour Intervals-Utility and drainage plans. Requirement is final plan shall have contour intervals of one foot for utility and drainage plans. The applicant is proposing to provide utility and drainage plans using 2-foot contour intervals. Mr. Fox does not have a problem with this as well. Mr. Phillips made a motion to

approve the modification request for contour intervals, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

4. The Board acknowledged the street construction standards.
5. Section 22-405(1)(3)(c)(3)-Driveways may not cross within thirty-five feet of the right-of-way line of an intersecting street when the entrance is from the collector street. Mr. Fox takes no exception to this request. Mr. Phillips approved the waiver request addressed in the July 1, 2022 review letter from Gannett Fleming, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Driveway at 157 Heather Lane does not meet the sidewalk as other HH driveways do

The owners at 157 Heather Lane are requesting a final driveway inspection. Mr. Grim does not feel comfortable approving it. Currently there is a temporary caul-de-sac located at the entrance of the driveway. Mr. Grim stated the curb and sidewalks are not in. Mr. Grim does not believe it is temporary. Mr. Fox is going to arrange a meeting with the developer, Mr. Grim, and himself on site to discuss.

Acknowledge Shemon Property Phasing Schedule

The Board acknowledged that the Shemon Property Phasing Schedule has been submitted. The Board is giving no legal significance to that phasing schedule.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Robert Miles-Concern with speeding and Semi-trucks on Turkey Pit Road

Did not attend the meeting.

Officer Ceravola requests a no left/right turns signs for trucks at Carlisle Pike and Turkey Pit

Officer Ceravola has been in contact with Mr. Miles concerning the speeding and trucks on Turkey Pit Road. He stated trucks are not permitted on that road. Officer Ceravola stated the truck was going to the Donkey Farm. He spoke to the owners of the farm, and they were going to give the truck driver another route to take. Officer Ceravola feels if there are no turning signs located at Carlisle and Turkey Pit that may deter the trucks from turning there. Mr. Grim is going to contact PennDOT.

Officer Ceravola requests a letter to be sent to PennDOT asking for no parking signs to be placed when construction is complete at Carlisle Pike and East Berlin Road

Officer Ceravola would like no parking signs located on Carlisle Pike and East Berlin Road when the construction is complete. He stated that trucks are pulling off along the road at Dollar General and Rutters and if there is no sign there he cannot enforce it. Mr. Grim stated that will eventually become a driving lane and there will no longer be that extra space to park. Officer Ceravola would still like signs. Mr. Grim will contact PennDOT.

Approval for Adams County to transition to Next Generation 911-Making fire box maps more accurate to reflect coverage areas

Bradley Kommeth with Adams County Department of Emergency Services attended the meeting to discuss the Next Generation 911. As part of their transition, they are working to make the fire box maps more accurately reflect coverage areas. The previous system used a buffer from the centerline of the road meaning that in many cases properties fell within multiple fire box response areas. Mr. Kommeth has worked closely with the fire chiefs. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Next Generation 911-fire maps, second by Mr. Thomason; Motion carried unanimously.

On-Lot Violation-Resident in district 3 still not pumped and on 8th violation-referral to enforcement

The Board acknowledged and will be discussed in executive session.

Section 3 Chapter 2 of the “Animals” Ordinance that was removed to be added back to the Ordinance

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table until Attorney Smith can review Ordinances, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and action on Zoning Ordinance amendments to sign regulations

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding sign regulations with changes to §27-1103 section E which would include the wording similar to, “with the exception of help wanted signs placed on the property of the business owner” on page 6. Also, on page 11, §27-1106, a new section being added, “off premises signs within the commercial industrial district”. Also strike number 5 which reads one thousand feet of any public or private intersection. Second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and action on Zoning Ordinance amendments to fence regulations

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding fence regulations which will be Ordinance 2022-03, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

3’x8’ Sign Request for Magistrates Office

Chairman Holtzinger made a motion to table, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Schedule first budget meeting

The first budget meeting will be held August 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Participation by the Northeast Adams Fire & EMS in the Federal Surplus Property Distribution Program

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution authorizing participation by the Northeast Adams Fire & EMS in the Federal Surplus Property Distribution Program, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June were approved pending audit on a motion by Mr. Phillips, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Board acknowledged receiving reports from the Police, Public Works, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, Emergency Management, United Hook and Ladder and Northeast Adams Fire & EMS.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports as presented, second by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Sight distance/clear sight triangle regulations-consideration for amendment

Mr. Grim was asking for clarification on sight distance and clear sight triangle regulations. Attorney Smith stated sight distance is typically a provision applied between a road and another intervening road or access road. Not necessarily driveways. A sight distance triangle is the substitute when you have more of a driveway intersection where you are asking for there to be a clear area at an intersection.

Update on pending and enacted legislation

Attorney Smith reviewed the pending and enacted legislation.

ARPA update

The second installment of the ARPA Funds has been delayed.

Legislative and caselaw update

Attorney Smith reviewed the legislative and caselaw updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:46 pm on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thomason; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer

