

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Present:

Betty Gordon, Chairman	Spencer J. Andress, AICP, Interim Manager
Stephen Allaband	Lew Gay, Secretary/Treasurer
Randy Geouque	Vince Pompo, Solicitor
Patrick Little	Steve Allaband
Richard Ayotte	Ted Christie, Historical Commission
	Natasha Manbeck, McMahon Associates
	William Handy, Court Reporter
	Donna Murray
	Carol Cantanese
	Gary Bell
	Richard Zimny
	Richard Gaw, Reporter
	Leo Friel, Property Owner
	Jonathan Jordon, Representing Summers Property
	Roger Summers, Owner of the Lawn Care Business

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Solicitor Pomo announced that the Summers Lawn Care hearing will be at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Allaband announced that the Township has received a total of \$5,000 in donations from:

John & Sharon D'Amico	\$1,000
D'Amico & Sons Farming	\$1,000
D'Amico Quarry, Inc.	\$1,000
J.D. Mushrooms Inc.	\$1,000
J. D'Amico Rentals LLC	\$1,000

C. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

a. Chris Mrozinski / PRIET – Scheduled to present a project status update but was not present.

b. Ted Christie – Gave an update on the plans for the Tri-Centennial Celebration event.

c. Natasha Manbeck / McMahon Associates – Made a presentation regarding road planning improvements, permitting and funding.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. Donna Murray and Carol Cantanese / Bayard Taylor Memorial Library – Thanked the Board for its consideration regarding funding and provided brochures for Township residents.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Resolution #722 – Procedures to Comply with Act 44 pertaining to the selection of the most qualified firm/individual for professional services involving the Township's pension plans.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to adopt Resolution #722 establishing procedures for compliance with the professional services contract provisions of Act 44 of 2009. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reduction in Financial Security for Basciani Mushroom Farms.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to reduce financial security for the project by \$491,442.13 leaving \$364,042.57. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Acknowledge receipt of 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Ayotte to acknowledge receipt of Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$113,515. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Acknowledge receipt of 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police Pension Plan.

Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Ayotte to acknowledge receipt of Police Pension Plan 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$160,730. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

F. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Open Space Review Board and Friends of New Garden Trails Policy presentation by Gary Bell.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Ayotte to acknowledge and support the Open Space Review Board and Friends of New Garden Trails Policy that delineates the duties of each organization. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Planning Commission meeting minutes regarding the Roger Summers Lawn Care application were presented by Interim Manager Andress. No action was necessary

c. Chairperson Gordon provided a Library Referendum update noting the referendum that will be on the November ballot.

2. Solicitor Updates.

a. Solicitor Pompo chaired the Conditional Use Hearing regarding Roger Summers Lawn Care, Inc. who was represented by Jonathan Jordan. No notice was provided to property owners within 500' of the property. Township will allow presentation by applicant and then continue the hearing to allow for proper notification to the property owners. Roger Summers spoke and answered questions regarding how he intends to use the property. Hearing was continued to October 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm. in the Township building.

3. Treasurer.

a. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the list of disbursements in the amount of \$635,369.86. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Ayotte to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$92,475.70. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Richard Zimny, a representative from the Harrogate South HOA, asked about removing the development's tot lot. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

2. Steve Allaband – The cost to amend the Harrogate South final plan to be paid by the HOA.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairperson Gordon announced the Board will hold an executive session to discuss acquisition of development rights.

The Board recessed at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened 8:53 p.m.

Chairperson Gordon announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss acquisition of development rights.

Chairperson Gordon announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, September 22, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay
Township Secretary

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