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Board of Supervisors

Work Session Agenda

January 4, 2021

Immediately following Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting

Manager's Items

Executive Session

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 4, 2021 electronically via the Zoom application due to the current State and Federal regulations in place from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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| Present: | Jon Forest | Chairman |
| | Paul Calderaio | Vice-Chairman |
| | Maggie Rash | Member |
| | Paul Calderaio | Township Manager |
| | Dana S. Cozza | Township Engineer |
| | Daniel Gray | Bucks County Planning Commission |
| | Luke Rosanova | Township Solicitor |
| | Craig A. Smith, Esquire | Township Water/Wastewater Consultant |
| | Gary Weaver | |

The work session began at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting.

Bucks County Neshaminy Greenway Trail Citizens Advisory Design Committee

Mrs. Cozza said the Bucks County Planning Commission was requesting a member of the townships' Environmental Advisory Board and another from the Parks and Recreation Commission to join their committee being formed to participate in the design process for the NGT Phase 2 trail segments. Mrs. Cozza said that Louise Silberg of the Park and Recreation Commission was participating, and Mrs. Rash agreed to ask the Environmental Advisory Commission for a volunteer.

Processing of Application to the Historic Architectural Review Board

Mrs. Cozza reported to the Board that the township had received an application to the Historic Architectural Review Board for approval to replace a front porch on a home located in the Mechanicsville Historic District. She said the application was submitted during the township's COVID-19 closure, and due to difficulties in scheduling the meeting, the application was not processed in the usual timely manner. Mrs. Cozza said that Mr. Hoffnan, Chairman of the Historic Architectural Review Board, had reviewed the application and had no concerns as it proposes just a replacement of the existing porch. Mr. Smith offered that if no changes were proposed, just replacement, that HARB approval was unnecessary. Mrs. Cozza wanted to bring this to the Board's attention due to the timeframe and the arguable deemed approval of the application.

Mr. Smith further stated that in any event the Historic Architectural Review Board is an advisory board and the Board of Supervisors are the only ones who can approve or disapprove a valid application. Mr. Forest and Mr. Calderaio said they were fine with the application being approved as unnecessary or as being deemed approved. Mrs. Rash thanked the residents for honoring the architecture of the historic village.

Lahaska Room Rentals

Mrs. Cozza asked the Board for their opinion on resuming rental of the township public meeting room (Lahaska Room), which had been suspended due to the COVID-19 restrictions, as the township has been receiving requests again.

The Board agreed that if the township staff sanitizes the room between meetings, and the groups renting the room follow all current CDC and Department of Health guidelines, the township could resume rental of the room, and then reevaluate as circumstances warrant whether to continue renting the room.

McKee Development – Plan Submission

The Board discussed the recently submitted plan for the “McKee Development”, located along Route 413, Lower Mountain and Creek Roads. Mr. Gray expressed the same concern that the Board had when the sketch plan was previously submitted, which is the increase in traffic onto Lower Mountain and Creek Roads due to the layout of the plan. Mr. Gray repeated his suggestion that perhaps they could run a road out to Route 413 to lessen the increased traffic on the smaller roadways.

Ms. Manicone said the plan submitted does not meet the landscaping ordinance requirements, and has requested to meet with the landscape architect to discuss the project and the township requirements.

Mr. Rosanova said the Bucks County Planning Commission had reviewed the proposed plan, and had comments regarding design and circulation. He said the applicant had requested a waiver of recreational circulation, meaning there would be no pathways or trails in the neighborhood if the waiver was granted. He said there also may be difficulty in traffic circulation with proposed on-street parking and with trash trucks maneuvering the alleys.

The Board thanked the consultants for their input.


7:10 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 27th day of January, 2021.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors



Jon Forest, Chairman

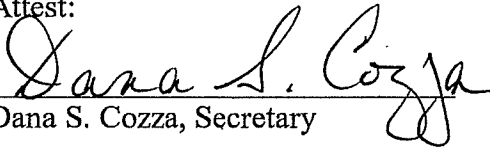


Paul Calderaio, Vice-Chairman



Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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