



BUILDING, ZONING, & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 18th, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairperson L. Durkin called the meeting to order.

Attendance

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson L. Durkin, and Councilor C. Whitney.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor M. Golden and Councilor T. Danilak.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor K. Farrell, and Borough Manager G. Locke.

Public Comment: Stephanie Berardi, 106 Walnut Street, appeared before committee to change the hours of the Farmers Market agreement from 7pm-9pm to 4pm-8pm. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this is different than the current agreement that has been placed in Dropbox.

Featured Items for Discussion

- **2035 Comprehensive Plan Update** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated that this meeting was a follow up to the previous month’s meeting. In part one of the transportation meeting the topic of discussion was a road diet on York Road, specifically taking the four lanes and reducing it to two, with a turning lane and road parking. After many discussions this idea was just not feasible for PennDOT and they were not inclined to continue to research the topic. PennDOT recommended a comprehensive traffic study to provide additional information. Part two of the transportation meeting was not uplifting or positive. Chairperson L. Durkin stated that she believes that the County Planners were not focused and prepared for the second part of the transportation study meeting. Chairperson L. Durkin stated that Mr. Rose and the representative from SEPTA were in a disagreement regarding the “forward thinking” of the Noble Train Station. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he believes the County was taken back by Mr. Rose’s reaction and his aggressiveness towards the subject and the representatives. Chairperson L. Durkin stated that the representatives from the County, PennDOT and SEPTA were reactive and not forward thinking.
- **TCDI Grant Opportunity** - Chairperson L. Durkin stated that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission opened a Transportation and Community Development Initiative, TCDI, which is a grant used to study traffic calming implementation. This grant is a planning grant with a 20% match, not an engineering grant. The maximum the Borough could receive is \$100,000. This item went to full council during the Administration and Finance Committee earlier this evening.
- **Parking Solutions – Organizing Efforts Going Forward** - Chairperson L. Durkin stated there was a meeting last Thursday and she did not attend. There has been no new update regarding the parking solutions.
- **Jenkintown Borough Welcome Sign** - Chairperson L. Durkin highlighted that the Borough Engineer, Boucher & James Inc, created three concepts regarding the “Welcome to Jenkintown Sign” on Washington Lane and York Road. The three concepts were designed off of Jim Rose and Joe Hentz ideas and drawings that were submitted to them. The concepts that Boucher & James designed are two vertical pillars that

spelled Jenkintown on them. These pillars would cost approximately \$26,290.00 each. The Borough asked Joe Clearkin, who is the representative for Glanzmann Subaru, for \$10,000 to put towards the sign.

On motion of Chairperson L. Durkin, seconded by President D. Pancoe, Resolution #2016-9, entering in to an agreement with Jim Glanzmann concerning the Welcome to Jenkintown sign to be constructed on the Glanzmann property was forwarded to full council unanimously.

Chairperson L. Durkin also wants to look into asking Glanzmann if they would consider changing the style and materials used on the building to allow for a more uniformed and precise look. Chairperson L. Durkin stated that she would approach Glanzmann regarding this request. Councilor K. Farrell stated that she doubted Glanzmann Subaru would go change their plans this late with all the approvals they have received. Vice President R. Bunker stated that he agreed with Councilor K. Farrell and is against this matter as well.

Items for Information

- **Jenkintown Planning Commission Report** – No report at this time.
- **2016 Concrete Paving Project – Update** - . Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to highlight the initial letters for the replacement and repair of the curbs and sidewalk went out in September. The follow up official notice went out in January of this year, and most residents are preparing for the work to be completed.
- **206 Township Line Road Land Development** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this property has a current house on it that is going to be demolished and then is going to be subdivided and two new homes will be built on the property. The Borough is waiting to hear back from the County Planning Commission and the Borough Planning Commission before it can be brought to full Council.

Ongoing Items

- **2015 Paving Project – Required Concrete Repairs** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated there were approximately 260 homes on the 2015 paving program and only two residents remained non-responsive. The Borough has moved ahead with enforcement actions in the form of citations to those two properties that did not indicate intent to comply. Also, due to the magnitude of the project, seventeen properties did receive an extension until April 30th to complete the required concrete repairs
- **Avelthorpe Park Partnership with Rockledge Borough** – Chairperson L. Durkin wanted to highlight that she President D. Pancoe and Mayor E. Foley had a phone conversation in which Abington expressed interest to ponder the access for Jenkintown Borough. They are currently waiting for a meeting to be set up with the Abington Commissioners.
- **Septa Train Station Update** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated that she held meeting with Wendy Green Harvey regarding the train station. The train station cannot have a restaurant due to the parking requirements that are needed for the restaurant. Chairperson L. Durkin will continue to update the committee as information becomes available.
- **Update of Zoning Code** – Chairperson L. Durkin has stated that Council and other parties will begin to look at updating the Zoning Code for the Borough. The Zoning Code was last updated in 2010. It was recommended that the Zoning Code be updated once the Comprehensive Plan is completed so the zoning code would achieve the intent of the Comprehensive plan. The Jenkintown Planning Commission, Montgomery County Planning Commission, along with Solicitor S. Kilkenny and Borough Manager G. Locke have all started organizing thoughts and ideas for the updates on the Code. President D. Pancoe wanted to talk with the consultants from the County, Marley Bice and Maggie Dobbs, for a cost to review and revise the Borough's Zoning Code.
- **Banner Program Update** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated that she did have a meeting with Carolyn Hirsh from Lindy Properties. This was in hopes to come up with a long term path for banners regarding long term

signage and programs. Carolyn Hirsh of Lindy Properties and Chairperson L. Durkin will continue to update the committee as information becomes available

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson L. Durkin, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.