



BUILDING, ZONING, & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 20th, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairperson K. Farrell called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson K. Farrell, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor A. MacHaffie, and Councilor A. Khalil.
- **Committee member absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, and Finance Director R. Ware.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Reports

- **Jenkintown Planning Commission Report** – No written report.
- **Building Department** – Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.

New Business

- **Current Development and Potential Projects** – Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that the footings and the elevator shaft are completed. The Borough along with Cowan Associates (Third Party Special Inspector) and Penonni Associates are completing the required onsite inspections are taking place at 610 Summit Avenue. Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that the final inspections have been completed, and a temporary use & occupancy has been issued for 505 York Road. This building is for an oral surgeon/dentistry establishment in the former Dunkin Donuts
- **New Business in the Borough** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted 610 York Road, Office for Online Retail named Purposefully Being You; 200 York Road, as well as an Office for Acupuncture Practice named Four Seas Acupuncture; and 709 West Avenue which will be a Restaurant Korean Fried Chicken named Andy's Chicken.
- **DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) and the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted the Borough was recently awarded \$139,000 from the DCED Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants. In addition, the Borough was also awarded \$75,000 with the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP), for the construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park. Project is set to begin in 2020.

- **Parking Meters along the 100 block of West Avenue** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough approved the Ordinance to place ten (10) parking spots along West Avenue and remove the metered parking from the 300 block of Cottman Street. Public Works has removed the parking meters from Cottman Street and contacted the meter manufacturer to rent the calibration tool to recalibrate the meters for installation on West Avenue.
- **Commercial / Business Parking Requirements** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that this agenda item was requested by Councilor Khalil. Discussion began under the Public Safety Committee of current Zoning, Parking and Vehicle Code requirements, however it was requested that this item be placed on the Building, Zoning & Revitalization agenda as well. This topic will continue during the January Building, Zoning & Revitalization meeting.
- **2019 PECO Green Region Grant** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that the Borough applied for the 2019 PECO Green Region Grant. The Borough submitted the grant prior to the October 31st deadline, if awarded the funding will assist with funding the ADA porous paving walkway at Cedar Street Moretti Park.
- **2019 PECO Green Region Grant Bonus Round** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that the Borough has been invited to apply for the PECO Green Region Bonus grant. The PECO Green Region Grant is in its 15th year and the bonus round is to celebrate the success of the program. Grants of \$10,000 will be awarded, one to each county, for projects that focus on the installation and planting of trees in our region. Matching funds are not required for this Bonus Round. Resolutions are also not part of the application. The Borough is working hard to submit the grant prior to the November 30th deadline for the plantings at Cedar Street Moretti Park.
- **PECO Gas AGIMP 2020 Planned Infrastructure Improvements** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that PECO has informed the Borough that they will be replacing the aging gas main/service infrastructure with the Borough. PECO is currently in year five of their twenty plan to replace and upgrade their gas main system. The ordinance #2015-3 passed by Borough Council in 2015 protects the Borough in that any road that is disturbed that was paved within the previous five years must be repaved in its entirety from curb to curb in width at no cost to the Borough. Several roads on this project will fall within that criteria. The first phase will begin in January and will include Runnymede Avenue and Florence Avenue from Rodman to Runnymede Avenues.
- **2019 County Transportation Program (CTP) Grant** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that the Borough was not awarded the County Transportation Program grant, the funds if awarded were to be used to cover the Borough's cost of milling/paving of Newbold, Vernon and Homestead Roads on the infrastructure upgrade project. Due to the large scope of the project and lack of funding, the road conditions have been evaluated and it is recommended to have Aqua Pennsylvania make final restoration to all trenches, and financial contributions for paving, then mill and pave Vernon Road on the 2020 Road project and Newbold Road on the 2021 Road Project. The Public Works Committee moved forward to Council approval of milling/paving Vernon Road on the 2020 Road Paving Project.

Ongoing Business

- **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted the phase two project which is working on replacing water mains on Newbold Road (Rydal to Washington), Vernon Road (Rydal to Washington) and Homestead Road (York to Newbold). The project is approximately 90% completed. The mains have been chlorinated and Caddick has begun tying in the existing laterals to the new water main. The Borough has been notifying affected residents through social media, email blasts and the Public Works Committee. Additionally, Caddick has notified residents via US mail.
- **Banners on York Road** – Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted the Southern Gateway Project is 95% complete. There is a delay on the four (4) streetlight/banner poles due to the steel tariffs. There has been an initial submission to the JCA to provide the banners for this project as a community service from the Art Community. There are Four (4) banners. The poles are expected to be delivered in December and it would be best if the banners were ready at that time. It was discussed that it would be best if these banner designs were continued up York Road and completed at the Northern Gateway once constructed.
- **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted four test pits were dug on October 14th to verify existing conditions. Plans are being updated based on information collected. Plan for improvement has been completed and will be covered by grant funding provided by the DCED (100K).
- **Stanley Smith Foundation Grant** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted the Borough has submitted an application for a \$25,000 horticulture grant through Verdant Earth Educators. If the grant application is awarded, the funding will be used for the rain garden, meadow plantings and educational pieces of the Cedar Street Moretti park project.
- **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the project has been completed except for installation of light fixtures, delivery is expected in Dec. Fixtures will be installed as soon as they are received. A final grant extension is being requested from the County to allow for this final delay.
- **RFI - Borough Property Development Proposals** - Chairperson K. Farrell stated that there are no further updates at this time. The Borough entered into a contract with the Redevelopment Authority to manage the possible sale of Borough property. Proposals have been delivered to RDA. Meetings are being held with the RDA and members of the RFI sub-committee.
- **Verizon Utility Pole Removal – Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that the updated list of poles that have not been addressed and the cost tally for emergency repairs being made by PW is included in your packets. The Borough has been meeting with Verizon and PECO and it finally appears as though the poles are going to be addressed. PECO has implied that they will be taking responsibility for the removal of repairs and restoration costs. Future proposed Verizon projects will include this completion prior to approval.

- **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that SEPTA has assigned a new project team and they are reviewing the existing plans prior to proceeding. Plans are still to bid this project in 2020 and work will include close two lanes of the four-lane bridge during the project making one lane in both directions. Current detour plan has been provided and detours are shown in Abington Township.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson K. Farrell, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.