

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, and David M. Goodworth, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief Shawn Anglum, Township Manager Gary Peaco, and Secretary Andrea Dunton. Darryl M. Brandon attended virtually.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Stewart, 568 Route 228, attended the meeting to discuss issues regarding construction on Route 228. Ms. Stewart stated that there was a retention pond put in next door to her home and it is holding water and not emptying. She stated that when she asked the construction workers regarding the stagnant water, they stated it would be gone within 24 hours, and it is still there to this day.

Ms. Stewart also stated that her front yard is now completely gone to this road construction and the work has been disruptive for months. She is also having issues with mail coming to her home address since the changes were made.

Chairman Ford stated that he sympathizes with the Stewarts and apologizes for any inconvenience but stated that the Township has no control over this project. This project is owned by PennDOT and Butler County and the Township is not involved. Mr. Ford suggests that the Stewarts reach out to the County and State Reps for more information, in the meantime, he thinks the Township can facilitate a meeting between the Stewarts and PennDOT.

Mr. Ford asked Gary Peaco to reach out to PennDOT representative to see how they can be available to the Stewarts.

Chairman Ford gave a quick update on the local cow situation stating that the owner is working on euthanizing the bulls as weather permits. There are several pregnant heifers that will not be euthanized. The bulls being euthanized are going to the butcher and the Township is incurring the cost of that. Mr. Ford stated that the Township will be accepting donations to help with butcher costs.

Tim Stack, 240 Forsythe Road, asked who will be accepting the donations.

Mr. Ford stated that the Township will accept the donations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2024, were approved. Four were in favor.

PLAN REVIEW

Macri Subdivision, Preliminary and Final Re-Approval

Tim Stack, 240 Forsythe Road, asked if the requirements listed during original approval will be included in this approval.

Mike Gallagher stated that he recommends Supervisors approve with existing requirements from original approval. Mr. Gallagher asked if Steven Victor agreed to those terms.

Steven Victor said yes, he agrees.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the preliminary and final re-approval for Macri Subdivision was approved with existing requirements from original approval. Four were in favor.

Brookhaven Revision No. 1, Re-Approval

Josh Mowrey, Heartland Homes, attended to represent Brookhaven.

Mike Gallagher stated that he recommends Supervisors approve with existing requirements from original approval. Mr. Gallagher asked if Mr. Mowrey agreed to those terms.

Mr. Mowrey said yes, he agrees.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the reapproval for Brookhaven Revision No. 1 was approved with existing requirements from original approval. Four were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Adams Area Fire Department Workers Compensation Payment

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, The Workers Compensation payment to Mars Borough for Adams Area Fire Department was approved. Four were in favor.

Shoppes at Adams Ridge Settlement

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the settlement with Shoppes at Adams Ridge was tabled. Four were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2024-06 for Plan Revision for New Land Development from PADEP - Quincy Heights

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, Resolution No. 2024-06 was approved. Four were in favor.

Police Garage Bids

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, an advertisement for Police garage bids was approved. Four were in favor.

Matilda Fields PRD Hearing Date

Tina Wilson, 105 Good Luck Lane, stated that she has never heard of this PRD and she attends almost every planning commission meeting. Ms. Wilson asked why the Supervisors are picking a hearing date if it hasn't been presented to the public yet.

Chairman Ford stated that he agrees and asked Mike Gallagher to explain.

Mike Gallagher stated that we legally have to pick a date before August or it is a deemed pass. Picking a hearing date doesn't mean it will not be seen by the public. The plan still has to go through the normal process as any other plan. This hearing date is just a legality and if the plan doesn't complete the process as usual the date will be pushed.

Mr. Ford stated that he would like to wait to pick this date and would like to bring it to a vote.

Darryl M. Brandon voted no to setting a date for this hearing.

David M. Goodworth voted no to setting a date for this hearing.

Ronald J. Shemela voted yes to setting a date for this hearing.

Russell R. Ford voted no to setting a date for this hearing.

On an individual vote, Matilda Fields PRD Hearing Date was tabled. Three were in favor. With 1 disagreement.

Award Bid for Park Projects

Rich Craft stated that there were 10 bids submitted, each with a base bid and 2 alternates. After checking over each bid carefully, Holbein was the lowest bidder.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the park projects bid with a base bid and 2 alternates was awarded to Holbein for a total cost estimate of \$842,643.11. Four were in favor.

Shoppes at Adams Ridge Liquor License

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Intermunicipal Liquor License transfer from Middlesex to Emilianos Adams Inc. was approved. Four were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Four were in favor.

Andrea C. Dunton, Township Secretary