

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. Mr. Kendrick and three other Supervisors were present at the municipal building. Three members of the public attended virtually using the Zoom meeting application. The Officials participating either virtually or in person were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman
George P. Allen, Vice Chairman
John A. Marshall, Supervisor
Donna L. Snyder, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
John Sicilia, Chief, NRPD
Emily Mueller, Esquire

Mr. Kendrick opened the public hearing on the request by Traditions of America for four minor modifications to the approved Final Plan for the Pittsburgh Cut Flower Planned Residential Development. Ms. Mueller conducted the hearing and administered an honesty oath to all persons intending to present testimony.

Mr. John Albright was present via Zoom on behalf of Traditions of America. He explained the rationale for each of the requests. He stated that the maintenance of the plantings, including those within the road island, will be the responsibility of the HOA. He also pledged that Traditions of America would guarantee that all lighting would conform to Township regulations.

Mr. Kendrick concluded the hearing by stating that Ms. Diane Pontoriero, of the Planning Commission had reviewed the revised landscaping plans and for them to be acceptable. He asked if there were any further comments from the persons in the audience. There were none. Therefore, Mr. Kendrick closed the public hearing.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve Traditions of America's request for the following four minor modifications to the Pittsburgh Cut Flower PRD as presented in the plans dated June 1, 2020.

1. Installation of nine decorative walls at the entrance to the Plan. Four on the east side of Liberty Boulevard and five on the west;
2. Permission to add an introductory name on one of the western walls.
3. Relocation of vegetation from the front of the walls to the back side of the walls, and
4. Installation of ground lights to highlight the architectural walls.

The approval was conditioned upon a field inspection of the lighting, including any lights associated with the flagpoles, to confirm compliance with Township regulations.

Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen approved the minutes from the Supervisors' public meeting of August 19, 2020. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked for public comments. No one came forward.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the August 2020 Financial Statement which included balance sheets and revenue/expenditure reports for all funds, as well as, a list of the following checks issued in August. General PLGIT, #48925-#48980, PLGIT Mastercard, #92767-92785, ACH Transfer Account, #1497 - #1507, and Nextier Bill Pay – General Fund, #5126. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the bills paid prior to the meeting in the following amounts General PLGIT \$51,294.59, Sewer Fund, \$20,444.30 and General Capital Reserve Fund \$39,150.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief John Sicilia reported on the activity of the Northern Regional Police Department. He also explained the NRPD's plans to observe Halloween, Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. Guidelines for those who do and do not want to participate will be posted on the Township website.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING– AUGUST 17, 2020

Aspinwall Properties - Final Lot Consolidation Plans - Property situate 5501 Orchard Hill Drive, Lot & Block Nos. 1665-L-120, 1665-L-231 And 1665-L-280. Plans dated July 9, 2020.

Robyn Brady was presented via Zoom representing Hampton Technical and the owner. After a brief discussion, Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the lot consolidation as presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marshall made motion to approve Resolution No. 5 of 2020 authorizing the submission of a \$50,000 CDBG application for the installation of ADA accessible sidewalks at Richland Park. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to award the following paving contracts to the low bidder, Shields Asphalt Paving: Contract No. 20-01 Clendenning Road, \$133,390.09, Contact No. 20-03 Base Bid and Alternate 1 for Cunningham Road and a new parking lot in Richland Park for the total price of \$73,484.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The Supervisors entered in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned and then reconvened following the executive session.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to promote Suzanne Owens to the new position of Senior Utility Billing Clerk at an annual salary of \$50,000. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made motion to appoint Jennifer Saunders to the new position of Assistant Office Administrator at an annual salary of \$50,000. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Both salaries to be affective with the beginning of the next pay period following this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary