



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

February 7, 2019 4 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2019

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2019

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, SHAUN LITTLEFIELD, MARK PENECALE, COMMISSIONER
SPIEGELMAN, MARIA WYRSTA, OFFICE MANAGER, LORA LEHMANN, RESIDENT

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

Minutes of January meeting were approved.

VPRB Forms update; form for “vacant property waiver of registration fee” will be revised to remove the wording, “to be completed by Engineering/Code Department” from that form and final version will be sent to the Manager’s Office for approval; most recent non-formatted version of regular registration form will also be updated as well as the fact sheet.

Site Updates; former K-Mart site; there will possibly be some type of home goods/home furnishing outlet at that site as well as a pad-site, which is property separate from the main site to be used for parking. 1423 Easton Road property used to be known as “AM Glass” where there is a home in the front and approximately 30,000 sq. ft. shop behind the home where they were selling glass items, and the property recently has been sold and the shop is currently being cleaned out. Discussion on property of prior Midas building located on Old York Road; discussion on Patane property; and discussion of 2010 ordinance for massage parlors and its locations that may become vacant.

2019 VPRB Initiatives; discussion on the idea of holding an open house event for entrepreneurs, commercial vacant property owners and investors to meet and discuss creating new businesses. Suggested was contacting the Montgomery County Business Association for a mailing/email list of entrepreneurs in the area and then the Township's Communications Manager for web presentations, booklets, handouts, etc., also contact the Tax Office for assistance in generating an expansive list of commercial property owners; contact the EDC about proposed open house event as well as discuss it with Township Manager. Also, tax abatement program was discussed.

Next meeting of the VPRB will be held on March 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Final version of the form for "vacant property waiver of registration fee" will be sent to Township Manager for approval.

Contact Township Manager; Township's Communication Director; EDC; Tax Office and Montgomery County Business Association regarding proposed open house event.

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