



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

April 4, 2019 4:05 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: APRIL 4, 2019

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2019

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER SPIEGELMAN, MARK PENECALE, PLANNING & ZONING OFFICER, SHAUN LITTLEFIELD, CATHY GAUTHIER, MARIA WYRSTA, OFFICE MANAGER, LORA LEHMANN, RESIDENT

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

March minutes were approved.

Follow-up items; regarding VPRB page on Township website; old ordinance is posted and not the revised ordinance as well as the ordinance that created the VPRB should also be posted; also listed under Code Enforcement Forms/ Applications still has the old forms posted and not the revised forms. Regarding open house event; a meeting will be held with EDC Chairman to discuss what the VPRB wants to accomplish.

Site updates; property located at 878 Township Line Road; there was an appeal filed with the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas who petitioned the ZHB to agree to have it remanded back down for additional testimony and the applicant revised their application to remove the gas pumps; however, the canopy would remain, but what is the need for the canopy if there are no gas pumps; also issue of the neighbors were the hours of operation and convenience store. Interfaith Food Cupboard has left the site and the property is in disrepair. 1310 Easton Road property is also on the vacant property list. Former Bagel Shop at 1825 Old York Road has been vacant since the beginning of last month. U & O was received for an Asian restaurant to be located at 1145 Easton Road.

There is one property owner of two separate properties located at 1807 and 1811 Easton Road and letters were sent for registrations and fee requests with option to obtain a waiver, and six applications

were received from six different property owners. Recommendation is made by the Manager's Office to the Board of Commissioners on whether or not to waive fee.

Site of former electrical supply is vacant, taxes are paid and no property maintenance issues at the current time, so granting of fee waiver was recommended.

Property located at 2602 Jenkintown Road has been vacant for many years and was involved in estate settlement, which was settled, and recommended was for the owner to produce a U&O within 30 days, but that recommendation was not unanimous.

Property located at 968 Old York Road (former Mr. Tire building); there were two neighborhood meetings; sketch plan was presented to the Planning Commission last month and application is scheduled for ZHB meeting this month and property is being linked with 966 Old York Road, so granting of fee waiver was recommended.

Property located at 925 Easton Road (former ALDI site); there was interest from an architect about plan review, building permits, etc. Recommendation was to send a letter informing the real estate agent that the application is incomplete and to provide more details within 30 days or there will be recommendation to deny waiver of fee.

Next VPRB meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Meeting with EDC Chairman to discuss open house event.

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