

Abington Township Vacancy Property Review Board

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Commencing at 4:03 PM
Township Building Conference Room

A. Start of Meeting:

In Attendance:

VPRB: John Spiegelman, Cathy Gauthier, Toby True, Bob Greaves
Code Enforcement: Shaun Littlefield
Community Development: Van Strother
Audience: Lora Lehmann
Excused: Mike Narcowich, Jerry Nugent, Lorena Trujillo, Larry Matteo

- B. Bob opened the meeting and discussed the power point that is proposed to be presented in front of the Code Committee. Due to schedule conflicts, it was agreed that it is best to hold off on having a presentation until the September 6th meeting.
- C. May minutes were approved. Lora Lehmann voiced her displeasure with Code Enforcement and also with the content of the minutes.
- D. Discussed the response from the April violation letters sent to the three commercial properties within the Township.
- a. 878 Township Line Road: Shaun Littlefield mentioned that he did receive a phone call from a Rich Shore after sending the April violation letter. Mr. Shore stated he was going to be having the property listed for lease; however, Shaun pointed out that this has not happened nor has anything been done to fix up the building and lot.
 - b. 1933 Old York Road: Shaun said that Ms. Braccia provided copies of estimates to fix up the buildings and parking lot in response to the April violation letter. To date, the façade of the former Midas building was spray painted pink; however, it does not appear anything else has been done.
 - c. 490 Tyson Avenue/2602 Jenkintown Road: Shaun stated that there was some progress made for the Massino properties. Of the nine items listed in the violation letter, seven of them were addressed and remedied by the property owners. However, the fencing that was installed around the rear of the lot was done without a permit.
- E. The Board ultimately decided that it would be best to send a follow-up letter to each of the aforementioned properties and give them an additional 30 days to address any outstanding violations. Specific sections from the Property Maintenance Code or from the Zoning Ordinance will be referenced in the letters.
- F. 1129 Old York Road is vacant and will need to provide a registration statement.
- G. John Spiegelman provided an update on 1124 Old York Road as well as on the Old York Road & Susquehanna Road redevelopment. John is working with a contractor provide the owners of 1124 Old York Road an estimate to reconfigure the interior of first floor of the building. John also stated that Penndot would require the Township to own contiguous properties for any

redevelopment.

- H. It was discussed that due to scheduling and attendance issues, the July VPRB meeting will be cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on August 3rd, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.