



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

July 9, 2020 4:20 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: JULY 9, 2020

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING VIA ZOOM

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING OF JULY 9, 2020

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER SPIEGELMAN, MICHAEL SCHLAGHAUFER, DAVID FORBES, SHAUN LITTLEFIELD, MARIA WYRSTA, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER, ASHLEY MCILVAINE, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, LORA LEHMANN, RESIDENT

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

Meeting Notes -

February meeting notes were approved.

Unfinished Business -

Previously discussed was moving the date/time of the VPRB meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Planning Commission meetings. The change of date/time will begin on September 24th at 6:30 p.m. following approval by Township Manager.

New Business -

Site updates; property owner of 878 Township Line Road is getting close to submitting demo permit to take down the gas station canopy and convert the building into a convenience store; 1400 Easton Road was removed from the list; 925 Easton Road – there is no indication when the new grocery store will open - Mom's Organic Market; 1423 Easton Road was removed from the list; Use & Occupancy permit was received for 1829 Old York Road property and status of Patane property located at 1170-1180 Easton Road will be provided at the next meeting.

Resident requested that the date of when a property first becomes vacant to be included on the list as well as for properties to meet code requirements.

Web Template -

Previously discussed was to include a bullet item, "Relocation of Business into Abington" on "Our Township" landing page; develop a new page to include a number of links as well as a new link of a list of vacant properties for sale/lease; develop a list of links to commercial real estate websites; add a list of individual vacant commercial properties actively being marketed by the VPRB and all calls would go to the realtors and not Township staff; website would serve as a portal for high priority vacant properties; website maintenance would be to update the list of vacant properties; template would be a trial for one year and then evaluated. Suggested was putting the list of vacant properties into GIS mapping system with information linked to it and that will be discussed further next month.

Resident expressed concern about difficulty finding information on Township website.

Planning Commission Board Vacancy of the VPRB -

Commissioner Spiegelman will reach out to members of the Planning Commission to have them select a new member to fill the liaison vacancy.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Change meeting date/time of VPRB meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month prior to the Planning Commission Meetings beginning September 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. following approval by Township Manager.

Fill liaison vacancy of the VPRB with a member of the Planning Commission.