



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

August 6, 2020 4:05 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING VIA ZOOM

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2020

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, DAVID FORBES, SHAUN LITTLEFIELD, MARIA WYRSTA, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER, ASHLEY MCILVAINE, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, NATHAN VASSERMAN, LORA LEHMANN, RESIDENT

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

July meeting notes were approved.

Unfinished Business -

Planning Commission Vacancy Member of the VPRB and proposed new meeting date/time will be discussed next month.

New Business -

Site updates; 1170 -1180 Easton Road - realtor is working with the owner and it was suggested by Township staff to set up a pre-submission meeting with the Township Manager; 2602 Jenkintown Road and 490 Tyson Avenue - posted on the building is a liquor license transfer - owner was sent a letter in August 2019 that waiver was denied per decision by the Board and there has been no payment. It was suggested putting a list together of property owners in arrears to be discussed at the next meeting; 925 Easton Road property was removed from the list; 968 Old York Road - status of land development application will be reviewed; 119 Township Line Road - owner would like to have an AAMCO; however, building has been vacant for more than one year, so the applicant will need to go before the ZHB for special exception; 103 Township Line Road - there is a perspective buyer who proposes 10 dwelling apartment units and there is tentative agreement of sale; 1125 Easton Road has been added to vacant property list as it has been vacant since July 1st and a letter will be sent to register the property.

Also noted that it is difficult to condense all the vacant property information including when it first becomes vacant into one page, but it is still being worked on.

Resident suggested using the letters L, M, H for priority status instead of the words "low-medium-high" for condensing purposes; also, the type of zoning could be added to the text of each line item. She asked about property located at 1356 Easton Road and it was noted that a new nail salon moved in there. She suggested the amount of time a property owner has been in arrears to be listed and what the next step would be per the policy.

The committee agreed to integrate what the next step will be on each line item of the vacant property list so it can be tracked monthly.

Web Template: previously discussed was creating a map of locations of vacant properties for potential tenants/buyers along with information associated with it and the point of contact would also need to be included.

Presented was a GIS map showing street view of vacant property locations/images that includes information from the vacant property list along with attributes such as square footage, lot size, sewer info, transit access, etc., along with contact information noting there is flexibility in what information would be posted for the vacant properties as an internal tool and for public viewing.

Suggested was sending a letter regarding the Township's pilot web template requesting contact information for the property. Also, GIS map could be the primary data point for all the vacant properties as opposed to the current spreadsheet format and the committee will decide what information will be available to the public. Discussion point for the next meeting will be how to tie it all together.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Integrate next steps for each vacant property for tracking purposes.

Next VPRB meeting will be held on September 3, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.