

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

November 19, 2020 6:30 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020 VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER SPIEGELMAN, DAVID FORBES, MICHAEL

SCHLAGHAUFER, LUCY STRACKHOUSE, SHAWN LITTLEFIELD, MARIA WYRSTA, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER,

NATHAN VASSERMAN

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

Meeting notes from September 3, 2020 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

New agenda format was discussed noting any future agenda items to be approved by Township Manager and topics especially for new proposals will be reviewed as to whether there would be any financial impact.

Meeting date/time of the VPRB meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. except for November and December due to the holidays.

New Business:

Site updates; 1829 Davisville Road- registration fees are paid to-date; realtor for 1180 Easton Road inquired about a fire protection permit for potential vegan restaurant; property owner of 1811 Horace Avenue went before the ZHB regarding proposed online pharmacy business; 1482 Old York Road – a sign permit application was submitted for a seafood restaurant – Thirsty Crab; 119 Township Line Road – there is an interested buyer in the former autobody repair shop and inquired about the zoning and parking requirements; 878 Township Line Road- the canopy is scheduled to be removed next week and permits were issued for interior renovations; 915 Township Line Road – a U&O was issued for a first floor office and this property was removed from the vacant property list; 103 Township Line Road was put up for Sheriffs Sale and the bank is now marketing it for sale; and 2602 Jenkintown Road has a liquor license pending.

Status of Integration of Site Tracking and Web Design on GIS; web map was presented showing red/blue bullet points representing property currently vacant as well as those no longer vacant and suggested was making those bullet points larger on the map; language for the introduction still needs finalizing; and attribute table shows data of each property that includes filtering options. The web map will be public facing when finalized. Link for the web map system was emailed to the VPRB members for review and any suggestions for revision should be sent to Mr. Greaves.

It was questioned whether the VPRB could have specific additional information on vacant properties that would not be public information, and it can be done with required logins and a separate map. Also questioned was whether zoning of the vacant properties could have a link to the description for that type of zoning, and it was noted that a zoning map in GIS format is currently being worked on and that could be a layer option for this web map.

When the web map system is completed, approval by the Township Manager is needed for implementation.

Action Items and Responsibility:

VPRB to review the web map for any revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.