

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN APPEARANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the Meeting of March 6, 2019

Present: Karen Chigounis, Steve Chepurny, Pat Canton, Lisa Batts-Turner, Richard Yeager, Annette McGuire, Janet Knowles, Darcy DiSpirito, Gina Zegel, Frank Costello

Township Representative: Judy Murphy

Council Representative: Mayor Lisa Petriello

Consideration of Minutes: Karen asked for a motion to be made to approve the December 19, 2018 minutes as amended. Frank made that motion, and Richard seconded that motion. All approved. Karen asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from **January 16, 2019** as amended. Annette made that motion. Janet seconded it, and all approved.

Committee Members: Karen asked for a list of all committee members. Judy passed it out.

Arbor Day Award: Karen explained that our committee chooses a business or organization which we feel is doing a good job maintaining their property. The award is presented the last Friday in April. Gina will send out a list of all old awards. Judy will look in Mary's file. Steve suggested Virtua Center & Virtua Cancer Center. Lisa P. said they have a nice viewing garden.

Demolition Application: Lutheran Home Update: Karen thanked those who attended the last 2 zoning meetings. She invited the committee to attend the next zoning meeting on Tuesday, March 19th @ 7:30 in Council Chambers. Karen said there was not a lot of notable support for the project. There was concern about drainage and traffic. Steve and others did not get to speak. Karen said it was too significant a change to the community to ignore voices. Annette suggested there was not adequate parking for the proposal. Karen said the project is ostensibly being proposed to make the business more viable. Gina

mentioned that the logo is unattractive. Karen reported that the neighbors maintain the Home's wooded area. Annette inquired about the history of the Lutheran Home . Karen said the ages of the buildings were misrepresented, and the loss of 3 homes was detrimental to Main Street. Gina suggested that a letter from our committee be presented to the zoning board. Judy said we can present such a letter to the board. Karen asked for emails and texts from our committee with input for the contents of said letter. Steve mentioned that they need a variance to make a use change. Gina said that the zoning board members were asking excellent questions. Karen agreed.

Town Council: Lisa Petriello: April 26th is Arbor Day. There will be a meeting amongst committee chairs. There will be a report from EDAC. A short term priority will be to move along Percheron Park. Gina mentioned that the state is asking the oil company to finish. Local residential help is needed. Another Food Truck event is in the works. They are working on the empty store fronts. Scott Ashoff is the new chair of EDAC and discussed the 10 year growth plan.

Lenola Project: Judy is spear heading this project. Steve asked if the housing on Cottage & Camden Ave was going ahead. 26 apartments were approved with probably an obligation for 4 affordable units. Conceptuals are done for the Tap Grant. Judy said drawings will be presented to us. Gina mentioned that the choice of plant material was not good. Lisa P said a maintenance plan needs to be presented.

Open Space: Barbara Rich Preserve @ Little Woods was the final name of the open space dedication area.

Streetscape: Steve wondered if Open Space funds could be used for Main Street and if Main Street could be designated as a Public Park. Lisa BT asked who is responsible for the plots. Was there a code to enforce maintenance? Gina said In Lenola the trash cans are 1970's vintage.

Violations: Karen said Lisa Batts Turner had prepared an extensive power point presentation showing areas of consideration for repair and improvement. Lisa BT

gave a slide presentation of **the committee** summation. She showed a list of the vegetation being recommended by Steve to improve Main Street. Her main focus was on the area between Church Street and Chester Avenue. It was a thorough analysis of issues such as: rusted signs with tops missing, walks with differently laid bricks sometimes patched haphazardly with concrete, rust on front doors, black top being mixed in with pavers, etc. Everyone thanked Lisa BT for her excellent and extensive hard work. It was discussed how to present this to council & the town. Judy suggested a spread sheet showing costs next to the suggested improvements. Steve wants to see the master plan by Pennoni.

Karen asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. All approved @ 9:24

Next Meeting: March 20, 2019 @ 7PM in the Donut Room.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Canton

Approved March 20, 2019