

Birmingham Township Planning Commission (BTPC)
Minutes of the meeting December 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the BTPC was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Scott Garrison, Eric Hawkins, MaryPat McCarthy, David Shields

ABSENT: Brendan Murphy

Also present: Dave Schlott, Jr

Mr. Garrison made a motion to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shields and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Garrison made a motion to amend the agenda for this meeting to include the Grant Funding Letter for H2O from the Community Financing Authority for storm sewer repairs. The deadline for this application is 12/21/2022 and thus needs to be acted on at this meeting. Mr. Shields seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1305 Wilmington Pike/Penn Oaks Ent/Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan

Ms. McCarthy stated that as the PC members have seen through various emails over the past two days, the applicant has asked for a continuance and will be extending the existing Time Clock for this Land Development Plan. The existing Time Clock Ends 1/3/2023. The applicant will be submitting a letter of extension to the township.

H2O Grant Funding Letter of Support from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Storm Sewer Repair Project

Mr. Schlott, the township engineer, explains that the township already paid for televising/camera work to be completed to assess the quality of the storm sewer pipes within Birmingham Hunt and the Knolls of Birmingham. After reviewing those visual inspections, Arro determined the extent of the work that needs to be completed and the expense of those repairs would totally approximately \$950,000. Due to the expense of the storm water repair projects for the Knolls of Birmingham and Birmingham Hunt, the township is eligible to apply for a 50% grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Mr. Shields asked about the details of the grant and how the monies are adjusted if the numbers are more or less than what is requested in the grant. Mr. Schlott stated that the grant monies can be adjusted once the work is started, but generally the grant monies will not be increased; however, they could be decreased if the scope of the work is slightly less.

Mr. Hawkins asked what the repair will consist of? Mr. Schlott stated that they are looking to replace the existing corrugated metal piping with HDPE piping which is more

durable piping. The other option is RCE which is reinforced concrete piping – this is more expensive. The plastic piping is much easier to install.

Mr. Shields asked if they are just resetting the inlets? Mr. Schlott confirmed that they will be excavating around the inlets, repairing them as needed and, also repairing where the piping comes into the inlet structures. He stated these are very traditional storm sewer repairs.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to the Board of Supervisors that the Planning Commission reviewed the APRA H2O PA grant for a storm sewer repair project. The Planning Commission has determined that these repairs are in line with the existing Birmingham Township Comprehensive Plan and thus they are in support of this project and recommend approval via a letter to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Shields seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business/Public Comment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:34pm Ms. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Garrison and approved unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boorse
PC Secretary