

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

SUPERVISORS:

Danielle A. Duckett, Chairman
Michael Twersky, Vice Chair
Janine Martin - Absent
Tessie McNeely
Jimmy Chong

STAFF:

Mimi Gleason, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Michelle Farzetta, Office Manager
Neil Stein, Esq., Solicitor
Fred Zollers, Director Public Works
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Jim Hersh, Township Engineer, Gilmore
Chad Dixson, Traffic Engineer, Bowman Company
Melinda Haldeman - Finance Director

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:04pm at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building and virtually on Zoom and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of real estate, personnel, and litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Consideration of amended land development plan for a parking lot modification at 1400 McKean Road (Janssen)

Janssen Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC filed an amended land development plan for a parking lot expansion. Originally, the plan was for a 3-parking lot expansion adding 297 parking spaces. Two of the three lots have been completed. However, the third lot is not able to be constructed due to unsuitable soil and utility conflicts. The new application removes the third lot and proposes another lot where an existing temporary lot is scheduled to be removed in the back of building 29. This lot will hold 35 spaces and includes landscaping, stormwater facilities and pedestrian circulation improvements. Representatives from Janssen stated that they have been in

front of the Planning Commission and have received two review letters from CKS and Bowman. They will comply for the most part with all recommendations. They are working through a few with items with Bowman. There were a few questions from the BOS regarding no mow areas and trees. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky to approve Resolution #2024-07 amending the land development application. Motion passed 4-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion about MontCo 2040 grant application

Staff are seeking approval to submit a MontCo 2040 Grant application for the Penllyn Train Station Trail Connection. This project would extend the trail from Pen-Ambler Park along Pen-Ambler Road to the intersection at Old Penllyn Pike. Crosswalk and sidewalk extensions to the train station would also be provided. Applications are due by March 1st for this cycle. The total estimated cost for the project is \$444,418. One of the townships' main goals is walkability and this will be accomplished through projects such as this. This project was addressed in the parks master plan and was a concern for residents of Georgetown. The BOS stated that residents will be notified when and if the project moves forward. They will have an opportunity to attend a BOS meeting to discuss any concerns. Ms. Duckett made a motion seconded by Mr. Twersky to approve moving forward with the grant application. A resolution will be prepared for approval at the February 27, 2024, BOS meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Authorization to submit a Green Light Go grant application for traffic signal modernization on Welsh Road at Evans Road and at Gwynedd Crossings

Traffic signal modifications are needed at the intersections of Welsh and Evans Road and Welsh and Darden Drive. (Gwynedd Crossing Access). Ms. Gleason is seeking authorization to submit a Funding Commitment letter for a Green Light Go Application for the repairs and modifications for the traffic lights. The total cost for the project is \$405,800. Lower Gwynedd is requesting \$324,640 in Green Light Go Funding and has secured a match in the amount of \$81,160. There was some conversation with Mr. Dixon regarding the reasons for the upgrades. He stated that the controls are out of date and would require replacing within the next five years. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky, to authorize submission of the Funding Commitment letter. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution #2024-08 endorsing creation of a municipal consortium to implement a water quality improvement plan for the Wissahickon Creek

The Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership (WCWP) is creating a municipal consortium to implement a water quality improvement plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek. Resolution #2024-08 will formally endorse this consortium governance structure within Lower Gwynedd. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky, to approve Resolution #2024-08 endorsing the creation of a municipal consortium to implement WQIP for the Wissahickon Creek. Motion passed 4-0.

Authorization to advertise bid for annual paving program

The 2024 Road Program will consist of two contracts. One will be for Mill and Overlay and the second will be for Ultra-Thin bonded Wearing Course. A list of the roads included in the projects was provided

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to the BOS. Staff are seeking authorization to advertise. It is anticipated that the bids will go out by February 23rd with the bid opening to be held March 27th. Consideration for awarding the bid will be presented at the April 9th, BOS meeting. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky to authorize advertisement of the annual paving program. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of invoices

The BOS received the warrant report dated February 13, 2024, in the amount of \$170,033.44. There were no questions or comments. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chong, to approve the warrant report in the amount of \$170,033.44. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of minutes - January 23, 2024

The BOS received the minutes from the January 23, 2024, BOS meeting. There were no questions or comments. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chong. Motion passed 4-0.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

The BOS received the liaison report for the HRC January meeting. There were no questions or comments.

STAFF UPDATES

Chief Kenny spoke of the various trainings that the officers will be participating in this week, month and throughout the year. He also mentioned that the county has approved smaller municipalities, such as Lower Gwynedd, to use their prison moving forward for arrests. Currently, we have been using neighboring police stations for processing and booking.

Ms. Gleason mentioned that the contracts with Lei Berry were signed today and the process of finding a buyer for the Ingersoll property can now start.

Mr. Hersh gave an update on the fencing project at Ingersoll Park. The demolition is complete, and the layout is done.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Ms. McNeely had no comment.

Mr. Chong said public works did a great job with the snow and he is happy to be on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Twersky thanked Public Works, EMS, and the police for their work in the snow.

Ms. Duckett echoed these comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Michelle Farzetta