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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda April 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel

6:30 p.m. Draft Ordinances: Bamboo, Fire Code, Open Burning

6:45 p.m. Request for Land Development Waiver – Free Will Brewing Co.
Peddler's Village
TMP 6-15-7, Lot 47

7:00 p.m. Bucks County Recorder of Deeds – Adopt A Book Presentation

Manager's Items

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held April 24, 2019 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Jon Forest	Chairman
	Maggie Rash	Vice-Chairman
	Paul Calderaio	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
Not Present:	John Ives	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Tom Kelso	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

The work session commenced at 6:00 p.m. with Executive Session to discuss police hiring, police personnel and the police contract.

6:45 p.m. The work session continued.

Proposed Bamboo Ordinance

Mr. Forest said in continuing conversation regarding the proposed Bamboo Ordinance from previous meetings, the most controversial detail is burning of the bamboo, because burning it is the easiest and most effective way to eliminate it, however the PADEP says the township must have a no burning ordinance in order to be eligible to receive money from their recycling grant. Mrs. Cozza said that only 22 out of 50 municipalities received the grant money last year. Mr. Calderaio clarified that one of two departments within PADEP says “no burning”, and that there is no state law prohibiting open burning.

Ms. Callahan, Street Road, said her landscaper removes the bamboo and takes it to an incinerator. However, she has less than 2 acres and does not want the bamboo burned on her property. Mrs. Rash said she spoke with several residents who have larger lots and they prefer to have the ability to burn on their property, if needed, rather than pay to have bamboo hauled away and incinerated.

The Board agreed it is appropriate to take more time to consider a “no burning” ordinance, to get a better sense of how the community feels on the issue. However, for now the eradication of bamboo by burning will be allowed in the proposed bamboo ordinance. Mr. Forest said the ordinance will be advertised and then considered for approval at the following business meeting.

Peddler's Village - Free Will Brewing Co. Outdoor Deck, TMP 06-015-007, Lot 47

Jim Webb of Webb Building Group was present to discuss a proposed 678' deck within Peddler's Village in front of Store #47 Freewill Brewing and Store #48 Mixed Threads. He said they are requesting a waiver of Land Development for this project.

Mr. Gray added that since the proposed improvements did not appear to increase the impervious surface ratio for the Peddler's Village site, he felt that the stormwater impacts would be insignificant. The Board agreed to consider the request for land development waiver for this proposed project at a public meeting.

Bucks County Adopt-A-Book – Presentation by Robin Robinson, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds Office

Ms. Robin Robinson, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, presented a slide show describing in detail the project her office has been working on to restore and preserve over 700 original deed books that were found lying on a warehouse floor. Ms. Robinson said the restored books will last 500 years and will be stored in the old sheriff's department which can store 1400 volumes in a temperature controlled and secure space.

Ms. Robinson explained the county is paying for this program by receiving "record improvement money" for each item recorded in the county, and has also applied for several grants. She said townships and individuals have the opportunity to "Adopt a Book" by donating specific amounts of money, and she has raised \$20,000 to date through this program. However, her department needs approximately \$900,000 to restore all of the books.

Mrs. Rash suggested Ms. Robinson make her presentation to the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), in order to reach several township representatives at one time.

The Board agreed that Buckingham Township will gladly consider making a donation to support the program.

7:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

9:40 p.m. The Work Session commenced.

Summer Meeting Schedule


The Board discussed the summer meeting schedule, and agreed to meet one time a month throughout the summer, with any exception to the 4th Wednesday of each month to be advertised.

9:50 p.m. The Board retired into Executive Session to discuss the status of a pending grievance and potential litigation concerning failure to obtain building permits and maintaining inadequate septic facilities.

10:20 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 22nd day of May, 2019.

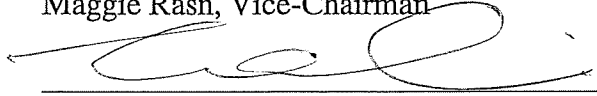
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Jon Forest, Chairman

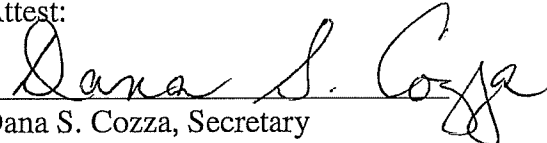


Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman



Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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