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Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda October 26, 2022 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

6:30 p.m. Manager's Items

6:45 p.m. "Sycamore Hollow Farms" – Lot 2 – Driveway placement Township File SA 2010-01

7:15 p.m. Budget

# Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held October 26, 2022 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Jon-Forest Paul Calderaio

Chairman

Maggie Rash Ton Porest

Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio Muggie Rash

Member

Dana S. Cozza Daniel Gray Township Manager Township Engineer

Craig A. Smith, Esquire

Township Solicitor

Not Present:

Tom Kelso

Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

Luke Rosanova

**Bucks County Planning Commission** 

The work session began at 6:00 p.m. with Executive Session to review police department personnel matters.

### "Sycamore Hollow Farms" - Lot 2 - Driveway Placement, Township File SA 2010-01

Mr. Robert Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Kitchko, the future homeowners, were present to discuss the driveway placement as installed on Lot 2 of "Sycamore Hollow Farms". Mr. Jones provided a sketch of the actual driveway installation versus the driveway location on the approved plan. Mr. Jones said he did not understand why the township was questioning the driveway location, as he knows construction, has built many homes and believes the location enhances the property.

Mrs. Rash stressed the importance of the land being under a conservation easement that the taxpayers of Buckingham Township paid for, and the plan as it was approved, with the driveway not in the location installed by Mr. Jones, must be followed in order to adhere to the conservation easement.

Mr. Smith noted the correct driveway location was shown on the approved plan, which was also included in both the conservation easement and the March 24, 2021 Residential Development Agreement that was signed by Mr. Jones and, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchko. Mrs. Rash noted that the Board had already indulged Mr. Jones by allowing him to stray from the easement by relocating, without prior approval, the location of the septic system.

Mr. Kitchko said he understood the township's requirement for the driveway location, but requested that the township grant a temporary certificate of occupancy in order for his family to have a Buckingham address so that the three children will be accepted into school without having to pay tuition. Mr. Kitchko said the school had accepted the children until November, when he had predicted they would be living in the home, but with various setbacks they still were not in the home. Mr. Kitchko said the temporary certificate of occupancy would allow his children to attend school tuition free and also be

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acceptable to the bank to recast the construction loan to a regular mortgage. The Board agreed to grant the temporary certificate of occupancy on the condition the driveway is moved within ninety (90) days, at the expiration of which, the temporary certificate will expire. However, if the driveway is moved and if there are no other issues, the permanent certificate of occupancy would then be issued.

Mr. Jones agreed to move the driveway and locate it as shown on the approved plan.

#### **Budget**

Mrs. Cozza updated the Board with the following budget items prior to presentation of the budget on November 16, 2022:

- Mrs. Cozza met with Mrs. Pistory and Mr. Hinz to prioritize repairs and minor improvements to the administration building since there will not be a major building project for quite a few years (i.e., gutter repairs, building maintenance, etc.), and noted the projects are listed in the capital project spreadsheet.
- Renovations to the Buckingham Room in the Administration Building were increased, to include the audio, projector and general update to the room décor.
- Hansell Park signs will be replaced.
- Large increase is expected in the employee health care package, but number is not yet known.
- Park fund transfer in 2023 was increased from \$250,000 to \$300,000.
- After transfers for 2022-2023 money will be set aside for the major administration building project in future years.

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

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 16th day of November, 2022.

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors** 

Paul Caldera o Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice Chairman

Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.