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I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on October 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with President Priscilla deLeon, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Priscilla deLeon, President; Ryan Stauffer, Vice President, Sandra Yerger, George Gress & Donna Louder, Council Members; Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Thomas Barndt, Chief of Police; Cathy Gorman, Director of Finance; Jim Young, Zoning Officer; Attorney Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer; Judy Stern Goldstein, Township Planner; & Jr. Council member Avia Weber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mrs. deLeon said Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. deLeon said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and Staff's undivided attention. If you choose to speak, we ask that you use one of the microphones and state your name for the record. If you have a non-agenda item, she asks that you give your fellow public the courtesy of the floor. There's a sign-up sheet in the back of the room. You can follow tonight's agenda on the website on each of the agenda items. If you aren't signed up for agendas or newsletters, please go to our website and sign up.

II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS – None

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. MOTORCAR PAINT PROTECTION – 3542 ROUTE 378 – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. deLeon said the applicant is proposing to construct a 7,200 square foot pole building and to operate an automotive detail and clear film shop.

Present: Anna Martins on behalf of Mike Russick, the engineer for the project; Kenny Harmony, owner of the building and the property; Ben Harmony owner of Motorcar Paint Protection.

Ms. Martins said this is a 1.6 acre site that is located in the GB2 district along the west side Route 378 to the immediate north side of the Route I-78 overpass. The property has double frontage with 198' on both Old Philadelphia Pike and Route 378. It contains an existing small 2400 sf single story ranch that has two residential units which fronts on Route 378 and was built in the mid-1900's. The property also previously contained two nursery greenhouses totaling 7,200 sf. that fronted on Old Philadelphia Pike. The date of the original construction of the greenhouses was unknown which was razed and demolished shortly after Ken Harmony acquired the property in March 2017 at the request of the Township due to the condition of the structures. They are using the existing greenhouse structures with a new pole building that measures 60'x120' with a roof height of 26'7". It's proposed to be occupied by Motorcar Paint Protection. It's been classified as a personal service use, auto-detailing service, clear coat paint protection application which is permitted in this zoning district. The Motorcar Paint Protection will occupy about 3800 sf of the building with a small office and receiving and detailing bay. The remaining will be for indoor storage of the completed customer cars or cars waiting for detailing. There are five parking spaces proposed that were required by Zoning. It's a very lower average generated with 14 trips per day using Old Philadelphia Pike entrance. The new building will be given an Old Philadelphia Pike address so that when people are going to the facility they are routed that way. The existing residential dwellings will continue to have access off of Route 378 as they have been. The impervious surface coverages are changed a little bit. It's allowed 60% and it goes to about 40 or 47%. There's an infiltration facility proposed under the parking area for the roof water that gets collected. The site will be serviced by both public water and sewer. Currently the residential dwelling is on public water and on-lot sewer, but that will also be connected to public sewer.

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There are some buffer trees being planted to allow for less visibility of the building. The project has been through the Planning Commission several times and there are some waivers that were requested, most of them due to the fact that it's a pre-existing condition and you are trying to fit something into a property that was already established with grades and so on.

Mr. Kocher said their letter has mostly clean-up items and listing the waivers. Regarding the draft motion, condition No. 3, they have submitted a sanitary sewer request for 3 EDUs and to keep up with Council's protocol, that should be a separate action either before or after you act on the plan approving the allocation for EDUs. Mrs. deLeon asked if we have 3 EDUs and were they assigned? Mr. Kocher said yes, he doesn't know if they were assigned, but it's certainly within the parameters. They have to go to LSA and get all the approvals for connecting. Mr. Kenny Harmony said he talked to LSA and they discussed what they were going to do, so the only thing to be figured out is how they want him to make the connection. They gave him a figure of what it was going to cost and the location. They are already in process of working out those details.

Mr. Kocher said waiver No. 4 they don't necessarily need an improvements agreement unless you want to record the plans before you put the stormwater improvements in. If you put the stormwater improvements in after you record the plan, then you need an improvements agreement. Attorney Treadwell said the way it works, stormwater improvements are a public improvement, so we hold security if we record the plan before the improvements is completed, to insure it gets completed. The other option is the applicant can complete the improvement first and then record the plan. That means you don't have to post any security. You want to wait until HEA confirms that the improvements are done and then we'll record the plan.

Mr. Kocher said waiver No. 5 they are not dedicating any improvements, so they don't need a maintenance agreement.

Mr. Kocher said waiver No. 13 regarding road improvements, the P/C changed it to deferment and not a waiver. Mrs. deLeon said explain deferment. Attorney Treadwell said it means they will install them later if the Township directs them to do that as opposed to waiving them forever. Mrs. deLeon asked right now there are no sidewalks, but we don't want to give up our right if they install them later? Attorney Treadwell said correct. Ms. Martin said after tonight's meeting, this will all be updated to reflect everything.

Mrs. deLeon said can you explain why there are so many waivers. Mr. Kocher said to fit into the fact that a lot of this site is existing and developed. We've been working on this for quite a few months. What you see is the result of what they needed to do.

Mrs. Louder asked about the stormwater. Mr. Kocher said there is underground infiltration and it will be discharged into a pipe out towards Route 378, pretty far from the ROW and whatever doesn't infiltrate will continue on. Mrs. deLeon said what happens in heavy rain because of the history of this area. Mr. Kocher said it'll act like it does now. They are not increasing impervious much beyond what was there with the greenhouses.

Mrs. deLeon asked if we still need No. 13, 4, and 5, we don't delete them from the draft motion? Attorney Treadwell said No. 13 is a deferral and it will be changed in the motion to say it's a deferral. Mr. Kocher said No. 4 is clarified by saying it is required if improvements are placed after the plans are recorded and No. 5 is not applicable.

Mrs. deLeon asked if they agreed to these changes. Mr. Kenny Harmony said yes. Attorney Treadwell said the motion would be to allocate the 3 EDUs of sewer allocations to this property.

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MOTION BY: Mrs. Louder moved for approval to allocate the 3 EDUs of sewer allocations to this property, as stated by the Solicitor.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved to grant approval to Motorcar Paint Protection Preliminary/Final Land Development plans dated October 2, 2019 at the LST Council meeting and with changes in the draft motion wording to No. 4, 5 and 13 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance SALDO Waivers.

SECOND BY: Mr. Stauffer

ROLL CALL: 5-0

IV. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CONSULTANT REPORT CONDUCTED BY EVR ON SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE APPARATUS – STEEL CITY FIRE COMPANY

Mrs. deLeon said at the direction of Council, the specifications for the proposed pumper/tanker were reviewed by Emergency Vehicle Response (EVR).

Mr. Dave Rockstroh, Assistant Chief and Scott Nocek, Jr. 2nd Assistant Chief of Steel City Fire Company were present.

Mrs. deLeon said Council received the report from the consultant with a lot of concerns. She asked if these were all addressed. Mr. Rockstroh said from what they understood, yes. There were three additional concerns the consultant brought back. He had questions on the light tower, speed hopper and the receivers on the truck itself. His concerns were was it being utilized as a rescue also? It is not a rescue at this time, the speed hopper is so you get more compartment space utilizing a dead space in the truck. The light tower is utilized for lighting up scenes that are further off the roadway and LST has houses that have setbacks than what some trucks can provide. The receivers, we've had past calls in the Narrows on Riverside Drive and the vehicle was over the embankment and we had tied off apparatus and that's all it was utilized for, it wasn't used for a rescue. It was just utilizing from previous calls if we have to tie off another vehicle and the rescue truck is already on the RR tracks, it's another vehicle to field a tie off of the secure vehicle.

Mrs. deLeon said there's a lot of questions on all these concerns. We hired a consultant so we need a response from the consultant okaying what you are talking about. Mr. Rockstroh said the consultant should have been here tonight.

Mrs. Louder said she would like the opportunity to take this to the Fire Services meeting and talk about it. She asked Mrs. Huhn to contact the consultant and sit down at Fire Service, hash it out again and figure out where we are going. She has multiple questions and she really doesn't want to do it at a public meeting. Mr. Rockstroh said they spent three hours last time talking about it. Mrs. Louder said she understands. Mr. Rockstroh said we can't delay this any further. Mr. Nocek said that was a financial discussion, not about the specs. Mrs. deLeon said she's concerned about the volunteers going on the fire truck to go to the call.

Mr. Gress said he understands, but the price does go up and we should have that letter from the consultant. Mr. Rockstroh said he's not sure why this consultant isn't in contact with LST as he said he was going to forward everything to you. Mr. Gress said if he forwarded it, we didn't get it.

Mr. Stauffer said we paid the consultant for his expertise and you're saying the consultant is wrong. Mr. Nocek said we're not saying he's wrong, it's his opinion, as he doesn't run LST, he has years behind him, so we know what we designed. We designed it to serve a purpose in LST. We pay for our fire trucks; we've taken loans out for ourselves in the past. We're very careful how we spec a truck because we are the ones who drive it. We don't have things on it that we don't

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need. When the guy had a lot of comments about what he thought was right and wrong, it kind of took a lot of fire out of the spec. Then he came back with you really should not go with Toyne, you should really have a spec from another manufacturer. We wasted more time. They came back with less cabinet space, less stability, a higher price point. We did everything he told us to do. We took the spec we had and gave it to Pierce. That came back and we addressed everything he had to say and did it on a conference call. After all that's said and done, the last thing we're hearing about is we're spec'ing a rescue truck on top of a pumper tanker.

Mr. Nocek said every truck a firefighter gets into is a rescue truck, so you can class it however you want and throw as many speed bumps as you want to build a fire truck. The last time they went down this road, they were the first ones to follow the criteria under the Township's new rules on how the truck looked and it added more expense to their truck that they thought they didn't need but went along with that as well. We're not here to cause problems or ask for more of this or that. The reality is we need to get a truck ordered because the thing they are riding around in is getting pretty ratty and becoming pretty unsafe. You paid the guy a lot of money, you don't know the conversations we had, but at the end of the day, our most valuable assets are our time. We spent a lot of time on this and we're spending more time and we're no further than when we started because of one guy's recommendation and he's not even here to speak about it. You paid him. Have him sit at the table with us and join in. We have to get this rectified as the more time it goes by, it's a money thing. One thing we've been critical of is the money piece of it. The safety factor is a huge part, but when we build a truck, we look at the most for our money, the safest truck we can have. We aren't getting any more volunteers so we have to have things on these trucks that don't require a lot of manpower; everybody is facing that same thing. We sit down with Randy who designed our last truck, that truck has won awards. It's gotten places where no other trucks have gotten. It's a fire truck.

Mr. Gress said it's been out of service for how many months. Mr. Nocek said that's another animal because we took it for service and the guy took it outside and it froze the pump. That could happen to anyone at any given time. That's a lawsuit they are working on. It's been out of service for ten months. Mr. Rockstroh said the insurance has to pay off it and customer service isn't the greatest and there are parts they don't make anymore. Insurance got back to them and there's a company that is going to retrofit a waterless pump into that truck. They are still working on details, but it's going to be in excess of \$184,000. Mrs. deLeon said the insurance is going to pay for that? Mr. Rockstroh said yes.

Mrs. deLeon said would it be helpful if the Township wrote a letter and said do it now. Mr. Nocek said right now he has a 6 to 8 months lead-time and then another 3 to 4 months to fix the pump. Mrs. Louder asked who's covering Steel City for fire services? Mr. Nocek said Steel City, they are using 6311. Mrs. deLeon said she wants to do something to help speed up that replacement part. Mr. Rockstroh said it's all up to the insurance company now. They are on board with it. Mrs. deLeon asked can we send a letter? Mrs. Louder said we don't own it. Mrs. deLeon said they are serving our residents so we do have a say? Mr. Rockstroh said it has to go to Syracuse, NY for repairs and they will tow it up there, and this is also covered by insurance.

Mrs. Louder said the truck was parked in Bethlehem City. Mr. Nocek said no, that was 6311 and it was getting inspected. Mr. Rockstroh said we've had multiple phone calls from EVR and every time he said he's fine then he comes back with something different.

Mrs. deLeon said when is the next Fire Services meeting. Mrs. Huhn said we haven't been able to get a date together.

Mr. Gress said whatever you are getting from the consultant, however you are communicating, he can guarantee you we are not seeing any information. He will make the motion that we postpone

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this until we can have a Fire Services meeting and hopefully have a representative from EVR present at that meeting to hash out the issues with this truck or the worst case a conference call.

Mrs. deLeon asked where are they coming from. Mr. Nocek said we had two other people from Wildwood look at the specs and they came back with everything different than this consultant. Mr. Gress said that put a sour taste in his mouth right away as they gave an approximate price to look at both truck specs and then when they came back, he was expecting them to say they would give you a break for looking at two, and then the price went up a lot. Mr. Rockstroh said Chris Snyder talked to other two consultants at Wildwood and they were going to pay out of pocket to have two other consultants look at it, but EVR is the consultant you are using.

Mrs. deLeon said for the next Fire Services meeting, we are going to have to talk about finances. How you are going to pay for it and what you are responsible for? Mr. Gress said that can all be hashed out at the Fire Services meeting. Mr. Nocek said it's just a difficult position for them because they aren't the experts, so they have to have a consulting firm, a solicitor, and have to trust experts.

Someone said he's been a volunteer for 33 years and every time a new rule was put in place, they were the ones in scrutiny; and after all this time it gets old. They've brought people to the table, look at this spec, do this, do that, and he always feels that it's Steel City.

Mr. Gress said the reports they got back from the consultant reviewing the individual trucks had concerns with your truck. If you are having conversations with him directly, that is information between you guys that hasn't been shared to us. You have it in an email please forward it to Leslie. Mr. Nocek said he said he was going to contact the Township and let them know everything was good to go, and then the next email he got was from Leslie and Cathy. Mr. Gress said if he told you it was good and he's telling us something totally different, somebody is not telling all of it. Mrs. deLeon asked what was the date on the email that he said he was going to send everything to the Township. Mr. Nocek said that was on a phone call. Leading up to it, it was three days prior to the email that Leslie sent. It was over two weeks ago and he should have had information to you. Mrs. Huhn said you had two conversations with him? Mr. Nocek said yes. Chris has had three or four conversations. Mr. Nocek said the whole rescue part of it is baffling him because multiple trucks in the area have receivers on them. Mr. Rockstroh said between Toyne and Pierce, they want stainless steel, but due to the winters we have, the chemicals on the road, it's a frozen issue.

Mrs. deLeon said we have to have a Fire Services meeting. Mrs. Huhn said we'll get emails out to get this meeting scheduled. Mr. Nocek said are you doing a motion to postpone it. Mrs. deLeon said we don't need a motion. Mr. Nocek said he thought Mr. Gress made the motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved that we postpone this agenda item until we can have a Fire Services meeting and hopefully have a representative from EVR present at that meeting to hash out the issues with this truck or the worst case a conference call with the consultant

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mrs. Louder said she'd like to have a list of things that we absolutely have to have completed before it comes back to Council so we can make a decision. She said do we know everything that is missing to make a decision? Can we get that emailed to everybody including all the firemen? Everything you need for us to make a decision. Attorney Treadwell said specs and financing are the two big issues.

B. SEIDERSVILLE HALL WINDOW REPLACEMENT – REVIEW OF DESIGN AND WINDOW SELECTIONS

Mrs. deLeon said in preparation of the bid specifications for the window replacement in the Seidersville Hall building, staff is requesting Council's decision on certain specifications before

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final determination can be completed. Boucher and James have provided some items that Council will need to decide which includes the style of window and hardware to be used.

Mrs. Huhn said Ms. Stern Goldstein put together the draft list of questions that we can discuss this evening. When we started to prepare the bid specifications, there are various types of windows in the building next door and the question came up, do you want replacement in-kind or do you want the aluminum clad. Those were decisions that we could not determine because that will all factor into a cost of what your bid is going to come in at. Ms. Stern Goldstein prepared this list and we can go through it.

Mrs. deLeon said it's a very old schoolhouse and she knows it's not on the register and no one has ever tried to put it on the register. It's historic and it shouldn't have modern windows on it. Whatever we pick should be in that kind of theme that goes with an old schoolhouse.

Ms. Stern Goldstein said that's why we started with the beginning. Are we matching what's there, are we matching what originally had been there, are we having them custom made? There were so many things to start with and we know this is a unique building and there are probably 15 different types of windows on that building. She's not sure what they were originally. Mrs. deLeon said she's not saying every window has to be in that same period, but when you look at that building, you see what you look at and that's what's in your head.

Mr. Stauffer said do we know when they were last replaced. Mrs. deLeon said this has been on the list forever.

Mrs. Louder said is there a fire code for these windows since we host things in that building for senior citizens. Do they have to meet any type of escape route or fire code? Mr. Gress said there have to be two exits out of the building. Ms. Stern Goldstein said the building code mandates egress and egress is handled from your exits, not from the windows. Most of the windows are not accessible from the inside of the rooms.

Mr. Gress said especially the ones with the air conditioning units. He asked if we are still going to have A/C when we put new windows in there. Ms. Stern Goldstein said that was one of her questions also. Mr. Gress said that's going to make a big issue on what kind of windows we put in. Mrs. Huhn said there's no air, so we are going to have A/C. Ms. Stern Goldstein said they will have to accommodate the window units. Mrs. deLeon said what would it cost to put A/C in there. It's probably astronomical. Mr. Gress said our seniors are in there and it's a voting place and it's used extensively. He thinks that question needs to be answered before we talk about the windows. If we are going to do something with air, other than window units, we definitely need to use energy efficient windows to maintain that. He gets keeping the historic structure, but there's no reason you can't have a historic look while still maintaining energy efficiency.

Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't know how historic the current windows are. Mr. Gress said if they've been changed over the years, then they are all different. Ms. Stern Goldstein said that was one of the premises Leslie was talking to her about. There's a spec she's looking at and there's casement windows and other kinds in there that aren't necessarily the same ones that are in the building now so we need to talk to Council. She's not even sure you can decide something tonight. You may have to designate a couple of people on a sub-committee.

Mr. Gress said how is that building heated. Mrs. Louder said natural gas. Mr. Gress said via baseboard. It's not forced-hot air, is it? If it's forced-air, it wouldn't be very hard to retrofit that to add air to it. The duct work is already in place, which is a major expense. Mrs. deLeon said aren't there radiators in there. They asked Mr. Johnson if he knew what was in the building. Mr. Johnson said he didn't know.

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Mrs. Louder asked what was budgeted for these windows. Mrs. Gorman said a little over \$69,000. We did get a grant for \$85,000 through Monroe County for the windows. \$69,000 was an initial quote that we used for the grant submission, so depending on what option you choose, she knows it's all going to be covered under a grant up to \$69,000.

Ms. Stern Goldstein said if you're going for anything at all that would be custom and some of these sizes are non-standard, \$69,000 doesn't go that far with this number of windows. There are a lot of windows. Mr. Gress said 42. Ms. Stern Goldstein said that's well south of \$2,000 per window and some of those windows you look at the front ones, they are very large to replace. Mr. Gress said do we know what the specs were on the quote we got. Mrs. Gorman said the quote was \$69,000 and they were newer windows. Mr. Gress said so that \$69,000 may not cover the cost. Ms. Stern Goldstein said if it was a basic window, it may or may not include the trim on the inside and whether that was primed or painted and the hardware and all of those questions that come in when you are actually placing an order because someone gives you a quote, it a basic quote to replace the windows. She doesn't know what was included in there, there's those little intangibles you don't think of until you are staring at something that's not totally done.

Mrs. Yerger said there's multiple types of windows there, but is there sort of one type that are in decent shape and would be easier to match. Ms. Stern Goldstein said the ones you would probably look at to match would be the iconic ones in the building which are the big ones along the front, so you'd pick a style that looks like that. Mrs. Huhn said what's in the bid is 16 large double-hung, 2 fixed windows, 2 casement windows, 2 hopper windows, 2 basement fixed windows with vertical grids, 2 fixed windows with one vertical grid in each sash, 4 double hung windows with 6x6 grids, it's a dozen different styles. Mr. Gress said there's 16 large ones which are going to be the most costly. Mrs. Yerger said they are going to be driving for the look. Mrs. Huhn said that's probably not a stock size. Ms. Stern Goldstein said the big ones will be changed to three unit combinations with side-by-side double hung windows. Mrs. Huhn said that's nothing what they look like now. Ms. Stern Goldstein said she's not saying it would look bad, she's just saying it's not what it looks like now. Her first thing is she knows the building is historic and it's here and it's an icon, and the Township knows it.

Mrs. deLeon said on the schoolhouse, do they have an old picture of Seidersville Hall? Mrs. Yerger said not that she's aware of, but there might be pictures in some of their collections. If anyone has some, maybe that's where we want to start and go from there.

Mr. Gress said he'd like to investigate the feasibility of central air. Mrs. deLeon said it may be cheaper than the window air conditioner as you have to keep replacing them. Mr. Gress said it's certainly something we should look into it. Mrs. deLeon said they could be zoned controlled. Mr. Gress said especially since how much that building is being used lately by this community. Mrs. Yerger said it does get used a lot. Ms. Stern Goldstein said she thinks it's cherished by the community. Mrs. Yerger said it's been here a long time. Ms. Stern Goldstein said it's not like a pristine back to one certain calendar day, part of it is the nature of what's added to it and fixed up over the years, but it's time to consciously think about what you're doing now if you are going to spend a big amount of change. Mrs. Yerger said she'd be very interested to see if you could find a photo of it. Mrs. Huhn said we'll look. Mrs. deLeon said we need to get more information. Ms. Stern Goldstein said we'll do a search for old photos.

C. REVIEW OF 2020 PENNSYLVANIA AT RISK NOMINATION FORM FOR THE MEADOWS ROAD BRIDGE

Mrs. deLeon said at the September 18, 2019 Council meeting, there was a motion to submit the 2020 Pennsylvania At Risk Nomination form. The Manager has prepared a draft submission form and is presenting to Council this evening for revisions and/or comments prior to the October 14, 2019 due date.

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Mrs. Huhn said she's completed the form with some of the information we've had on file. There is one revision that she will make that we were just made aware of. The Wagner Farm that Mr. Jerry Holum owns has been listed on the National Register, it's not pending anymore, so we can put that as a listing.

Mr. Gress said it's very well written and looks very professional. Mrs. deLeon said Jerry's nomination for the John Wagner Family Farmstead, yesterday the PHMC board reviewed it and deemed it eligible. It was done by Jeff Marshall from Heritage Conservancy. It all started with the barn. She did make a phone call to talk to Peter Benton, who helped us do the work to save the barn ruins, and she told him about the nomination and he was happy. She also mentioned the bridge because the County owns it and they are doing a preservation study for the County. He was happy we were using this form for the Meadows Road Bridge and there is some kind of money available whether the County rehabilitates it or they redo it, there's a 20% cost that NC has to pay.

Mrs. deLeon said a lot of this was based on historic things from 2007, and she wonders if it would be helpful to attach the information from the Feds on the eligibility, she will send Mrs. Huhn the link.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved to approve submission of 2020 Pennsylvania At Risk nomination form for the Meadows Road Bridge based on the discussion this evening.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

Ms. Stephanie Brown, former Township resident, said what does this do? Mrs. deLeon said it's just another feather in our hat if we get it. It's going to be on another list somewhere and another round of protection for it. Hopefully they will put it on their list. Ms. Brown said who? Mrs. deLeon said Preservation Pennsylvania, a non-profit agency that protects historic structures. Now with the National Register with Jerry Holum's property, it's right around the corner in that area. Mrs. Huhn said it almost promotes a district. Mrs. Yerger said that puts it in the qualification of a historic district and that ramps it up. Mr. Gress said it sounds like on the back end of things they might be able to provide emergency information. Mrs. deLeon said for some reason, we're not in Chester County's region and they've saved a lot of stone bridges. It's one of two left in the County. Ms. Brown said in terms of the historic district with the nomination, how does that work. Mrs. deLeon said we talked about that as a Council, but we never really took any action on hiring a consultant to come in and do step 2 of the register process. Ms. Brown said are there a specific number of properties as we still have the Ehrhart property down there. Mrs. Yerger said you can put something on the register and you do not have to own it, as there have been multiple structures that have been saved through PHMC's register. Mrs. deLeon said she thinks, and doesn't have a final copy of the actual final nomination register, but you can send that to Mike and he's the one that's overseeing this. Mrs. Yerger said send it to the County so they are made aware of it. Mrs. deLeon said you have to read everything. When they were looking at the bridge for eligibility, they weren't looking beyond the Rail Trail. They stopped at the Beardsley property. Ms. Brown said what about Jerry's mom's property. Mrs. deLeon said they do mention that house, but something is collapsing. Ms. Brown said it was used as a hotel at one time. She was disappointed that Lehigh County tore down a bridge that was newer than this bridge. The engineer said it had no historic value. She asked if anyone has checked on the bridge. The last time she was there with her friend taking pictures, she noticed a lot of damage as its being neglected. She's wondering if anyone has looked at the structure because if nobody is watching it, what's going to happen to it. She can't watch it anymore. Mrs. deLeon said the County has it closed, so until this process is done, it's going to stay the way is. Ms. Brown said she understands, but has anyone from the Township gone out and looked at it to make sure that no one is stealing pieces off of it or any vandalism. Mr. Gress said he hasn't been down to look at it. Mrs. Yerger said when is the last time the County engineers down there. Mrs. deLeon said that was when they closed it.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES

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Mrs. deLeon said the September 4, 2019 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved for approval of the September 4, 2019 minutes.
SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger
ROLL CALL: 5-0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

➤ Mrs. Huhn said Springfield Township is requesting the Township's approval for any extra Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 27th. The reason they need to ask the Township's approval is because we cover their Workers Comp insurance. If anyone is injured at the parade, it would fall under our insurance. Mrs. deLeon said when did we start paying their insurance. Mrs. Huhn said always. Mrs. deLeon said she thought it was Springfield's Fire Company. Mrs. Huhn said we will then send this to the fire companies to see if anyone is interested.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved to permit Lower Saucon's fire police to assist at the Springfield Township's Halloween Parade and we cover their insurance.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

➤ Mrs. Huhn said we received a formal resignation from Sarah Stanlick from the EAC as she's moving out of the Township. She's been a very active on the EAC and will be greatly missed. She will send her a letter.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved that Council accepts Sarah Stanlick's resignation from the EAC, with regret.

SECOND BY: Mr. Stauffer

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Jr. Council Member – Avia Weber

➤ She said these past two weeks have been pretty eventful. Last week they had their homecoming week and a victorious win against Bangor. It ended with the homecoming dance in which everyone had a blast at. This week they are celebrating their own Saucon Valley Diversity Week and she had the opportunity to bring this up with her Principal Mrs. Geary as a part of the Spirt Council, which is a club in their school which focuses on diversity. They are having a competition between each of the hallways and each hallway is assigned a continent. Each of the classes get to choose a country and they decorate and put facts on their door and make food based on what their country's culture is. On Friday, all of the students will have the opportunity to walk around at the end of the day to just see all the different doors and see all the countries. At the end of this month is the end of their quarter, so everyone is working very hard to keep their grades up. Mrs. deLeon said she was very happy about Homecoming Weekend, but she graduated from Bangor.

B. Mrs. Yerger – No report

Mr. Gress

➤ September 21st he attended the Saucon Harvest Festival, and it was a great time and event. There were great bands, food and drinks there.

➤ September 27th we had a meeting with Donna, Leslie, Brien, Roger, Judy about Black River Road stormwater issues. He think we came to a compromising solution and Roger is going to start in the spring and hopefully he and his crew will be able to resolve some issues there and come to an amicable solution.

Mrs. Louder

➤ She said while they were out on Black River Road, she noticed the shoulders of the road are uneven and she feels that could become a liability for the Township if we don't put up some kind of signs warning of a drop. It's basically from Fire Lane all the way down to Old Philly. She knows the way the drainage pipe comes out, that's a major drop. If we could check with PW, and see if they could put something there.

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- Priscilla had mentioned there were odor complaints for the train hauling trash. She called Norfolk Southern and talked to a gentleman and was questioning him. He asked her what company she was from and she said she was a Township resident and he immediately stopped talking. He had to have someone else get back to her. The VP called her back and what she questioned was who is responsible for odor complaints on the train. He said that there is nobody responsible and they don't answer to anyone for that. The only thing she learned is that if the train sits for more than 48 hours and there's an odor from it, then the RR could be fined. Doing a little bit of research, she learned the owner of the trash car on the train is responsible. She learned about 30 to 40 trains are going through Steel City, some with garbage, some without. She sent Chris Taylor a letter asking if he could get her more information and he directed her to someone. This afternoon she got to talk to Amy Faulch from DEP and expressed her concerns. She experienced it one day when she was doing an inspection at the landfill and driving around Steel City. She said what she needs from the residents who have complaint is a picture of the car so she can figure out what company owns it and a timeframe so they can correlate the time of an odor complaint to see if it's the train or see if it's the landfill. Her objective is to find out where the odor is coming from and locate the source. If it's coming from the landfill, we can nip it. If it's the train, we have to figure something out. If we can put that out on the website, if any residents have an odor from trash along the RR track, please try to write down a town and get identification of the train car. Mrs. deLeon said they need to call DEP's emergency number. Mrs. Louder said they have to correlate their findings with a DEP call as well. Mrs. deLeon said she has spoken to Amy in the last couple of weeks and they did talk about the train odors. She told her it's a distinct odor like the one in your kitchen as opposed to daily garbage odor you smell on a day the landfill didn't cover it yet, and opposed to the gas odor from the landfill. Mrs. Louder said the containers have to be contained. There could be no leakage from leachate and cannot be draining stuff as they are rolling down the tracks. They have to be covered. They do carry construction demolition and only has a net on it. She's assuming the asbestos has already been retracted prior to getting loaded on the train. The municipal waste has to be covered. Mrs. deLeon said she was talking to someone in Steel City and they said a train went past and didn't stop, and they could smell a garbage odor. Mrs. Louder said they can't sit there for more than four hours.
- There was a tractor trailer in Steel City with an enormous I-beam on it. It was actually stopped, enough so that it could back up. She stopped traffic and a Steel City fireman also helped direct traffic and one of the other neighbors saw it as well. He could have done massive destruction had he gone into Steel City. That problem is still not done. Mrs. Yerger said her son couldn't get through Ringhoffer Road as there was a tractor trailer stuck and one on Lower Saucon Road, which had to go onto people's front yard. It's spreading and happening. Mrs. Louder said she had one in her front yard one year when it snowed. It's been constant. Mrs. deLeon said isn't it amazing we looked at the site up the street as Fulton Bank which just changed two weeks ago, that was updated but the GPS can't be updated. Mrs. Louder said tractor trailer drivers have special access to a GPS that will get them out of trouble. The drivers or trucking companies have to invest in it.

Mr. Stauffer

- He got emails from a Township resident who was talking about the Rail Trail, specifically people picking up after their dog and then leaving the bag by the side of the trail rather than placing it in a trash can. He asked how far apart the trash cans were on the Rail Trail. Mrs. Yerger said they are not that far, and there are multiple trash cans. She goes past at least three receptacles and trash bags when she walks. There's no reason for it. Mrs. Huhn said she'll pass it along to the Rail Trail Committee.

Mrs. deLeon

- Tuesday, October 15th, Pint for a Purpose will be at Lost Tavern for a benefit for Dewey, Lower Saucon Fire Rescue and Steel City fire companies and our First Responders. It's from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

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- Friday, November 29th is Light-Up Night at Dimmick Park from 5pm to 8pm.
- She's very proud we have our 4th National Register property which we talked about earlier. She serves on a non-profit organization for saving barns and she had to write two support letters for Jerry Holum and one for the Melester Barn in Cumberland County. Two years ago, April Frantz and several other people met here and the PHMC was frustrated as they got applications for barns and bridges in the way of projects and we'd have to lose them just for the project to go thru as they didn't have the teeth to say no. They were meeting with various people around the state and they came up with help from various organizations. Her organization helped write language and the Cumberland County barn language was written by Jerry Clouse, and very well written. At the meeting, they read her letter to help.
- Last Thursday, the Black River Farms held a wine pairing event and there were 73 people there.

- C. **SOLICITOR** – No report
- D. **PLANNER** – No report
- E. **ENGINEER** – No report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for adjournment. The time was 8:35 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Gress

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Submitted by:

Leslie Huhn
Township Manager

Priscilla deLeon
Council President