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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2020**

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairperson; Nanette Bennett, Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Donald H. Newman, Walter A. Scott, III, Members; Paul R. Bell, Code Official; David L. Kovac, E.I.T. Borough Engineer; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Shawn Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Jerry Nist, Chris Schmidt, Hampton Technical Associates, Inc.; Brian Almeter, Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc.; Harold Waldman, Applicant; Michael Pohl, Resident

ABSENT: Jay S. Troutman, Member

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2020, be approved as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application No. 20-6: The Manor at Orchard Park LLC

11 Orchard Manor Drive

Proposed New Single-Family Dwelling Construction

Jerry Nist from Hampton Technical Associates, Inc. gave a brief review of the project and answered questions regarding the project. A few questions were asked about the comprehensive stormwater system that will be put in place for the property and tied into the catch basin located on Fox Chapel Road. Mr. Nist explained that they would need to obtain a permit from Allegheny County to access the Fox Chapel Road basin.

Hampton Technical Associates, Inc. is also asking for a waiver for the geotechnical report. Mr. Kovac stated that he recommends having a geotechnical engineer on-site when grading is done. There are a few patches of very steep slopes that will be shaved down.

There are two trees along Fox Chapel Road that are to be removed. Ms. Jayme stated that the EAC would like to see those trees replaced to assist in stormwater management. It was noted that there is a fair amount of room on this lot for more trees to be planted.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Ms. Jayme that Application No. 20-6 be recommended to Council for approval as submitted, subject to the submittal of a landscape plan to the EAC for review with the number of trees to be planted. It was also recommended to grant a waiver for the geotechnical report, and instead, have a geotechnical engineer on-site during construction. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

Application No. 20-7: Harold and Diane Waldman

10 Sweet Water Lane

Proposed Improvements to an Existing Access & Utility Easement

Brian Almeter from Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc. gave a review of the project and answered questions regarding the project. A few questions were asked about the infiltration trench placed three feet below the gravel driveway. Mr. Newman stated that if #57 (2B) gravel is used for the driveway, the infiltration trench will become clogged over time. It was also noted that depending on how many vehicles are traveling over this driveway, the gravel can become more compact, making it harder for water to flow through the trench. Mr. Almeter agreed to use a larger stone at the top of the driveway's surface and place the infiltration trench parallel to the driveway on the southerly side. He also decided to make the driveway fourteen feet wide instead of the intended sixteen feet wide.

The application also includes the removal of twenty-eight trees that are within the driveway zone. Mr. Waldman stated that he has already planted sixteen, sixteen-foot Norwegen Spruces along the property line. Ms. Jayme asked that Mr. Waldman replace the hardwoods with a 1:1 ratio.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Scott that Application No. 20-7 be recommended to Council for approval as submitted, contingent upon three items.

* That Mr. Waldman presents evidence of his legal right to install the driveway within the access and utility easement.
* That Mr. Waldman replaces twelve hardwood trees (having already replanted 16).
* That the gravel driveway's width is reduced to fourteen feet instead of sixteen feet, that larger stone will be used at the driveway's surface, and that the infiltration trench is moved so that it is not directly underneath the 14-foot wide driveway and runs parallel to the southerly side of the driveway.

The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

SHAWN M. PETERSON

Borough Secretary