



PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: JULY 20, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Patterson, Chairman
Richard Kratz, Vice-Chairman
Janet Heacock, Member
Gordon MacElhenney, Member
Dean Becker, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group
Jeffrey Thoms, SSM Group
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement Officer

TRAFFIC STUDY/202 GRAVEL PIKE

The Board held a special meeting to review and discuss two items.

The first item was the inspection by Jeffrey Thoms on the condition of 202 Gravel Pike. The inspection of the structures located at 202 Gravel Pike was completed earlier during the day. Since there was not enough time to prepare a written report, both Mr. Thoms and Mr. Moran gave the Board a verbal account of what they saw. The report was not positive as to the existing condition of the main structure located at 202 Gravel Pike. The cost to rehabilitate the structure may be prohibitive. An alternative to rehabilitation was to demolish the structure. At this time, Mr. Thoms gave the Board a ballpark figure on the cost to rehabilitate the structure. There was no estimate discussed on the cost to demolish the structure. Mr. Thoms will work on putting together a report on what he observed and an estimate as to the cost to rehabilitate the main structure as well as the cost to demolish it. Mr. Thoms cautioned that these estimates would only be ballpark figures. For the August monthly meeting, the Board will consider requesting a Confirmation of Services from SSM Group for design services related to demolishing the structure. Mr. Thoms indicated he will not have his written report prepared by the August meeting. Hopefully, by the September monthly meeting, the Board will have both Mr. Thoms' written report and the Confirmation of Services from SSM Group to consider the future disposition of the structures located on 202 Gravel Pike.



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The second item was the Preliminary Traffic Study completed by SSM Group for the intersection of Route 29 & Route 113. Mark Stabolepszy gave a summary of the traffic study. It was explained that the study shows three options. Option 1 would add left turn lanes to all four approaches. Option 2 would add left turn lanes to all four approaches, add right turn lanes to northbound Route 29 and to westbound Route 113. Option 3 would add left turn lanes to all four approaches and adds a right turn lane to westbound Route 113. Of the three options, Mr. Stabolepszy felt Option 2 was the least viable option due to the number of structures that would need to be removed. Of the remaining two options, Option 3 was the preferred alternative. Mr. Stabolepszy explained that in order to make Option 3 feasible, the Board would have to make a decision to demolish the structures located on 202 Gravel Pike. In order to understand what the impact would be on the traffic going through this intersection, Mr. Stabolepszy reviewed the projected time delay with a “No Improvement” scenario and a “do something” scenario for each of the three options. What the report showed is that all three Options would significantly reduce both the Average AM and PM Peak Delays. The final remarks from Mr. Stabolepszy were related to the cost to complete each of these three options and funding strategies. It seems that the most feasible option would be to work with the Montgomery County Planning Commission in getting this project listed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since the Board did not make a decision regarding the future of the existing structures located on 202 Gravel Pike, the report will state that Option 3 is preferred by SSM Group if the structures at 202 Gravel Pike are taken down. If the final decision is not to remove these structures, than Option 1 is the preferred alternative. Mr. Stabolepszy will finalize the traffic study for the August monthly meeting and look to the Board to authorize the study’s approval as a final report to be submitted to and work with the Montgomery County Planning Commission to get this project on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.