# MINUTES TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING September 19, 2019 (5:30PM)

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held in the meeting room at the Pennsauken Municipal Building: 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08109 on Thursday, September 195, 2019

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor McBride at 5:30 pm. who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mayor McBride announced the meeting was in compliance of the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

There had been no special request for electronic participation in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Deputy Clerk.

PRESENT: Committeeman Killion, Committeeman DiBattista, Committeewoman Rafeh, Deputy Mayor Taylor and Mayor McBride,

Also present were Township Administrator John Kneib, Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Linda Galella, Esq.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Meeting – September 5, 2019

Closed Session – August 29, 2019 September 5, 2019

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved a motion to approve all sets of minutes on the agenda Committeeman DiBattista seconded the motion An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

# PROCLAMATIONS / AWARDS - Oaths of Office Police

Public Safety Director Bill Oarth administered the Oath of Office to the following Police Officers.

Charles Brewer whose parents were present to hold the bible Patrick Downs whose wife and child were present to hold the bible Lexxus Matos whose parents were present to hold the bible Megan Watts were also present to hold the bible

Mr. Orth had some very kind words about Mr. Rossner's grandfather, who had previously served. Officer Gavin Rossner is being administered the Oath of Office for Sergeant.

Gavin Rossner's wife children and parents were present for the Oath as his children held the bible for their father.

# ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - (PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOMED)

### 2019:16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 141, ARTICLE VII-141-86 SIGNS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend 141-86 to provide a new sign type in the Township of Pennsauken.

WHEREAS, Monument Displays are a new sign type composed of a living wall, a monument support structure and a reflecting pond which will provide the Township with a right to display municipal, civic and emergency messages to Township residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that Section 141-86 of the Code of Pennsauken be amended as follows:

Section1: The Township Committee of Pennsauken under Article VII: Zoning Regulations, Section 141-86 entitled "SIGNS" hereby amends Section 141-86 by adding a new type of sign.

Monument Displays are a new sign type containing but not limited to a living wall support structure which encases a visual digital display; a reflecting pond, and associated landscaping. The sign shall be located in the gateway roadways of the Township which signs shall provide and communicate municipal, civic or emergency messaging and off-premises third party advertising subject to the provisions contained herein. The part of the Monument Display that will contain the digital display messaging or advertising is called the "active display."

A. Types and area of signs: A sign shall include: banners; streamers; whirling or lighting devices; billboards; monument signs; monument displays; or any other type of attention-attracting device and may be a single-faced, double-faced or a V-type structure.

#### A(10). Monument Display:

- (1) Monument Display: Monument Displays shall be permitted as conditional uses in the C-1,C-2, T-1 and HI Zones if the following conditions are met:
  - (a) The Monument Display is the sole and/or only use on a lot;
  - (b) The lot shall conform to the lot area of the zone;
  - (c) The Monument Display shall be located only on properties abutting Routes 130, 73, 38, 70, 90 or 30 with frontage on those streets.
  - (d) That they be located on properties abutting any of the following described areas abutting the above mentioned roadways in subsection A(10)(1)(c) above.
    - (1) On Route 130 from the Township boundary line with the Borough of Collingswood, north to the intersection of Route 130 and Marlton Pike and further, from the Township boundary line with the Township of Cinnaminson, south to the conjunction of Route 130 and Commerce Highway.
    - (2) On Route 73 from the Township boundary line with the Borough of Palmyra, generally east to the Township boundary line with the Township of Cinnaminson.
    - (3) On Route 38 from its starting point at the Airport Circle, generally east to the border with the Township of Cherry Hill.
    - (4) On Route 70 from its beginning at the Airport Circle, generally east to the intersection of *Lexington Avenue*.
    - (5) On Route 90 for its entire length through the Township.
    - (6) On Southern side of Route 30(Admiral Wilson Boulevard) from its starting point at the Airport Circle, generally west to the Township boundary line with the City of Camden.
  - (e) The frontage on those designated streets in subsection (d) above must be a minimum of 90 ft. on the designated roadways excluding any part of the frontage that is not parallel to the roadway or is part of an arc or angle leading to another roadway.
  - (f) No part of the Monument Display shall be closer than 10 feet from the right of way line of said roadways unless a Monument Display is located on a corner lot, in which event, the

Monument Display shall be no closer than five (5) feet from the right of way line of said roadway.

- (g) No portion of any Monument Display shall be located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of another Monument Display on the same roadway and not within six hundred and fifty (650) feet from any billboard or offsite sign used for advertisement or for advertisement of an offsite property or business on the same roadway.
- (h) A Monument Display shall provide the municipality time for municipal, civic and emergency messaging equivalent to one advertising slot or message for every two (2) minute interval the Monument Display. These time slots will be cumulative and will not lapse.
- (i) The maximum active or display area of a Monument Display shall be 480 Square feet per each sign face which sign face shall directly face or be oriented towards the permitted roadways. Only one active or display area shall be permitted in each direction. The Monument display shall have no more than two (2) separate active display or faces per sign.
- (j) Each face or display shall be oriented vertically such that the longest vertical dimension is greater than the longest horizontal dimension.
- (k) That the total height be as allowed for other structures in the same zoning district as measured from the bottom of the sign face to the top of the roadway to which the Monument Display is oriented. The Monument Display shall be oriented only in the direction of the permitted or allowed roadways mentioned above. Lighting, other than internally generated lighting that is part of the display shall be directed onto the surface of the Monument Display or the reflecting pond. In no event shall the height of the Monument Display or structure exceed fifty-two (52) feet as measured from the roadway.
- (I) The Monument Display shall have changeable advertising copy in accordance with Federal or State law, but in no event more than once every eight (8) seconds. All messaging or copy changes shall be instantaneous.
- (m) Each Monument Display shall include a reflecting pond at the base of the Monument Display or structure that covers at least 40% of the lot area.
- (n) Each Monument Display shall include the Township name\_or Township seal and any Monument Display in excess of 45 feet in height shall include a clock tower. The Monument Display shall have appropriate lighting either internally or externally shinning directly on the Township name and shall remain illuminated\_from dusk till dawn.
- (o) The exterior structure of the Monument Display shall be a living wall and shall incorporate one or more of the following architectural elements: Stone, wood, brick, ornamental iron or decorative steel. Single pole support structures are prohibited.
- (p) All Monument Displays including their active area shall incorporate ambient light sensors that measure the levels of surrounding light and automatically decrease the intensity of illumination during periods of darkness or increase the intensity of illumination during periods of brightness; and no Monument Display or active area shall exceed a maximum illumination intensity of 500 nits during night time hours (dusk until dawn) and 7,500 nits during day time hours (dawn until dusk) when the active area is in direct sunlight.

# 2. Hours of Operation:

The hours of operation of a Monument Display's active area shall be from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. or midnight and the active area shall be turned off between the hours of 12.00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless the Township needs the active area to deliver a message for municipal or civic or emergency messaging.

The Hours of operation shall not apply to that portion of the sign with the Township name or seal which shall remain illuminated.

#### 3. Landscaping:

The Monument Display shall incorporate landscaping of the subject lot which utilizes combinations of existing vegetation, trees, shrubs, lawns, ground cover, mulch, ponds, and rock formations. If a Monument Display abuts a residential zone or if the lot containing a Monument Display is within 200 feet of a residential zone or residential use, then an enhanced buffer shall be installed. Such buffer shall consist of but not be limited to an earthen berm with a continuous double row of evergreen plantings at a minimum height of 20 feet at planting. All plantings shall be shown on a plan prepared by a licensed landscape architect.

The Monument Display shall require the operator to permanently maintain the landscaping, the reflection pond and the living wall and to execute a maintenance agreement with the Township that will include the posting of escrow in an amount sufficient to maintain the reflecting pond, replace any diseased or dead vegetation including that found on the living wall or is a part of the landscaping in the event that the operator fails to do so.

#### Restrictions:

- 4. A Monument Display shall not:
  - (a) Advertise adult or sexually oriented businesses or materials, hate speech, racist speech, advertisements related to abortion, or otherwise display any content prohibited by State or Federal Law:
  - (b)Advertise obscene or profane language;
  - (c) Emit any verbal or musical announcement or noises;
  - (d) Display any moving, flashing, scrolling or animated text or video;

#### Illumination:

- 5. A Monument Display may be illuminated provided that:
  - (a) All Monument Displays shall incorporate ambient light sensors that measure the levels of surrounding light and automatically reduce the intensity of illumination during periods of darkness or increase the intensity of illumination during periods of brightness; and
  - (b) No Monument Display shall exceed a maximum illumination intensity of 500 nits during night hours (dusk until dawn) and 7,500 nits during day time hours (dawn until dusk)

#### Maintenance:

6. The Monument Display shall require the operator to permanently maintain the living wall, the reflecting pond and the landscaping and to execute a maintenance agreement with the Township that will include the posting of escrow.

### Section 2: Severability:

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of Township Committee that this Ordinance would have been adopted as if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provision of the ordinance are hereby repealed.

# Mayor McBride commented a short presentation would be given by prior to the opening of the floor for comments on Ordinance 2019:16

<u>Lou Priestley of Chandler Avenue</u> stated the letter was innocuous to amend for other sights or just these two locations or if they include others?

<u>Gary Ahrens of Witherspoon Avenue</u> questioned the height of the clock tower and the other monument site? And asked if the border fence would still be present.

Mayor McBride responded the clock tower is 52 ft. and the other monument is 42 ft. with ambient lighting which adjust constantly. She proceeded that it illuminates color and that a row of 20 ft. trees would be planted.

Mr. Ahrens replied HOORAY and Thank you!

<u>Rich Defino of Witherspoon Avenue</u> spoke in reference to Mansion Blvd. and the monument adding another issue to an already accident ridden area. He questioned if it would interfer with making a right turn onto Rt. #130 from Mansion Blvd. He also questioned if this would only be for major highways.

Committeeman DiBattista commented that the DOT regulations would be followed and that the Planning Board could ask for a traffic study.

Mayor McBride commented they would request from the PPD a report of accidents to date at that location.

Administrator Kneib addressed the last part of his question by commenting the ordinance limits them to major highways.

<u>Genise Williams of Derousse Avenue</u> questioned the location and asked if the location on Rt. #38 was by the Canals

Someone responded yes.

Gina Rhodes of Witherspoon Avenue questioned the type of fencing and height because she doesn't want anyone to be able to "jump" the fence.

She was told that would be taken up at the Planning Board meetings.

Theodore Lutz and Frederick Lutz commented they are owners of a property on Mansion Blvd. they are concern with the size and lighting of the build board. Hey are also concern with how it will the negatively affect the neighborhood. Theodore Lutz raised his concerns about how the ordinance circumvents the billboard ordinance that is already in place he also added the location to homes and the light pollution it will cause. He commented that structure is 52 feet high and the trees are a 20 feet high which makes the structure 32 feet higher than the "buffer trees" they plan to put in.

Mayor McBride commented the opportunity would be available to address those concerns at the Planning & Zoning Boards who would speak on the type of specifics and that they would be required to go before the Boards.

Ed Galarza of Homestead Ave questioned how I close the tree line would be to Rt. 38, and that he is concern with a blind spot at the jug handle.

Mayor McBride again commented that that would be taken care of by the Planning Board.

Deputy Mayor Taylor commented that how anti billboard the Committee had been and that this company's presentation actually had the Committee rethinking it.

No other public wished to comment.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Killion			$\sqrt{}$			
DiBattista			$\sqrt{}$			
Rafeh			$\sqrt{}$			
Taylor		V	$\sqrt{}$			
McBride						

#### 2019:17

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING 289-4 CURBSIDE TREE SPECIES AND CREATING 289-4.1 COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES OF CHAPTER 289 TREES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

#### §289-4 Official curbside tree species

The following list constitutes the official curbside tree species for Pennsauken Township. No species other than those included on this list may be planted as curbside trees without permission of the Shade Tree Commission. (For purposes of this chapter, "curbside" is defined as the area inside the face of the curb and the outside edge of the walkway or property line).

A. Under Utility Wires, in curbside areas 24 inches to 30 inches in width, the following species may be planted:

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height (Average)	Mature Width (Average)	Comments
Acer Buergeranum	Trident Maple	20'	15'	
Acer Griseum	Paperbark Maple	20'	15'	
Carpinus Betula Fastigiata	Columnar European Hornbeam	20'	8'	Columnar
Prunus Autumnalis	Autumn Flowering Cherry	20'	15'	
Prunus Sarg. Columnaris	Columnar Sargent Cherry	20'	15'	
Prunus Virgiana	Canada Red Chokecherry	20'	15'	
Syringa Reticulate	Japanese Tree Lilac	20'	15'	

B. Under Utility Wires, in curbside areas 30 inches to 36 inches in width, any trees from group A, plus the following species may be planted:

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height (Average)	Mature Width (Average)	Comments
Acer Campestre	Hedge Maple	25'	25'	
Acer Leucoderme	Chalkbark Maple	25'	25'	Native SE US
Acer Palmatum	Japanese Maple	10'	10'	
Acer Truncatum	Purpleblow Maple	20'	20'	
Amelanchier Autumn Brilliance	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	15'	15'	Native
Amelanchier Prince Charles	Prince Charles Serviceberry	25′	20'	Native
Amelanchier Princess Diana	Princess Diana Servicebery	15'	15'	Native
Carpinus Caroliniana	American Hornbeam	20'	20'	Native
Cercis Forest Pansy	Forest Pansy Redbud	20'	20'	Native
Cercis Ren. Oklahome	Oklahoma Redbud	12'	15'	Native
Chionanthus Virginicus	White Fringetree	12'	12'	Native
Cornus Florida Selections	American Dogwoods	12'-30'	15'-30'	Native
Cornus Kousa Selections	Kousa Dogwoods	15'-30'	15'-30'	Tree Form
Cornus Rutgers	Rutgers Dogwoods	15'-30'	15'-30'	Native

Selections				
Crataegus Winter King	Winter King Hawthorn	25'	25'	Native
Cotinus Obovatus	American Smoketree	10'	15'	Native
Lagerstromia	Crape Myrtle	4'-12'	4'-8'	Vase Shaped
Maackia Amurensis	Amur Maackia	20'	20'	
Malus Selections	Crabapples	15'-20'	15'-20'	Tree Form
Parrotia Persica	Persian Parrotia	20'	20'	
Prunus Cerasifera	Cherry Plum	15'	15'	
Prunus Kwanzan	Kwanzan Cherry	25'	25'	
Prunus Okame	Okame Cherry	20'	15'	
Prunus Sargentii	Sargent Cherry	20'	20'	
Styrax Japonica	Japanese Snowbell	20'	20'	

C. Under Utility Wires, in curbside areas greater than 36 inches in width, any trees from groups A and B, plus the following species may be planted:

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height (Average)	Mature Width (Average)	Comments
Acer Henryi	Henry Maple	20'	30'	
Acer Sac. Newton Sentry	Newton Sentry Sugar Maple	40'	10'	
Acer Nikoense	Nikko Maple	20'	30'	
Acer Rub. October Glory	October Glory Maple	40'	30'	
Acer Rub. Red Sunset	Red Sunset Maple	40'	30'	
Aescuius Car. Briotti	Ruby Horse Chestnut	30'	25'	
Carpinus Betula	European Hornbeam	40'	30'	Not Fastigiata
Gleditisa Tri. Inermis	Thornless Honey Locust	30'	25'	
Halesia Tetraptera	Carolina Silverbell	30'	20'	Native
Nyssa Sylvatica	Black Gum Tree	30'	20'	Native
Prunus Yedoensis	Yoshino Cherry	30'	30'	
Sophora Jap. Sr. Upright	Princeton Upright Scholar Tree	40'	30'	
Sorbus Alnifolia	Korean Mountain Ash	40'	20'	

D. In curbside areas greater than 36" in width, where there are no utility wires, any trees from groups A, B or C, plus the following species may be planted:

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height (Average)	Mature Width (Average)	Comments
Acer Freemani Armstrong	Armstrong Maple	50'	10'	
Acer Sacc. Green Mountain	Green Mountain Sugar Maple	40'	25'	
Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden	50'	35'	
Tilia Cordata Greenspire	Greenspire Linden	40'	35'	
Quercus Phellos	Willow Oak	40'	25'	

E. In curbside areas greater than 48" in width, where there are no utility wires, any trees from groups A, B, C or D, plus the following species may be planted:

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height (Average)	Mature Width (Average)	Comments
Acer Saccharum 'Bonfire'	Bonfire Sugar Maple	60'	60'	
Celtis Occidentalis	Hackberry	40'	40'	
Fraxinus Penn. Seedless	Marshall Seedless Green Ash	50′	35'	
Quercus Alba	White Oak	50'	50'	
Platanus Occidentalis	Sycamore Tree	75'	75′	Native SE US

The trees suggested on the recommended list above are acceptable, however a potential hazard for sidewalks, water and sewer lines *always* exists.

# 298-4.1 Commercial Landscaping Guidelines

# Landscaping.

### <u>(1)</u>

Landscaping shall be provided as approved by the reviewing board to provide shade, designate entrances, screen parking from roads, buffer utility areas and provide aesthetic interest throughout the year. Along Route 130, a berm and plantings are required to screen parking from the road. The minimum tree size along Route 130 shall be 3 ½ to four inches in caliper, either 50 feet on center or equivalent.

#### <u>(2)</u>

**Protection of existing plantings**. Maximum effort shall be made to save existing plantings (because of size or relative rarity). No material or temporary soil deposits shall be placed within four feet of shrubs or 10 feet of trees designated to be retained. Protective barriers or tree wells shall be installed around each plant and/or group of plants that are to remain on the site. Snow fences and silt fences are examples of acceptable barriers.

## <u>(3)</u>

**Slope plantings**. Landscaping in the area of all cuts and fills and/or terraces shall be sufficient to prevent erosion, and all roadway slopes steeper than one foot vertically to three feet horizontally shall be planted with ground covers appropriate for the purpose and soil conditions, water availability and environment.

#### <u>(4)</u>

**Additional Landscaping**. In non-residential developments, all areas of the site not occupied by buildings and improvements shall be landscaped by the planting of grass or other ground cover, shrubs and trees as part of a site plan approved.

#### (5)

Only nursery-grown plant materials shall be acceptable; and all trees, shrubs and ground covers shall be planted according to accepted horticultural standards.

#### (6)

*Plant species.* The plant species selected should be hardy for the climate zone and appropriate in terms of function and size.

#### <u>(7)</u>

*Maintenance.* Plantings shall be watered regularly and in a manner appropriate for the specific plant species through the first growing season, and dead or dying plants shall be replaced by the applicant during the next planting season.

#### <u>(8)</u>

**Parking lot landscaping.** In parking lots, at least 5% of the interior parking area shall be landscaped with plantings, and one tree for each 10 spaces shall be installed. Parking lot street frontage screening and perimeter screening shall be a minimum of five feet wide. Planting required within the parking lot is exclusive to other planting requirements.

All Sections contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Killion		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$			
DiBattista			$\sqrt{}$			
Rafeh			$\sqrt{}$			
Taylor			$\sqrt{}$			
McBride			V			

# RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda

**2019: 295** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CROSSING GUARD(s) (Josephine Morrow)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey that Josephine Morrow has resigned from her position of Crossing Guard. There was a deposit collected therefore a refund is due.

Josephine Morrow 4515 Shapley Court Pennsauken, NJ 08109

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Police and Human Resources.

**2019**:**296** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PENNSAUKEN POOL MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$130.00 due to illness)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized for the year of 2019 to approve refunds of Pool fees paid in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) for two adult members. Due to an extended illness, Mariam & Hardeep Singh of 8348 Harrowgate Drive did not visit the pool during the 2019 season.

**BE I FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Recreation Director.

**2019:297** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF RAFFLE LICENSES (NJ Widows Sons)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township Clerk is authorized to issue a Raffle License to the:

\*\* Name: New Jersey Widows Sons

Address: 307 West Red Bank Avenue Woodbury, NJ

Where Event Is Being Held: 6926 Park Avenue - Masonic Home

Date of Event: November 10, 2019

Township License #: R19.29 (basket) State Registration ID # 537-4-42272

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a background check on the Member in Charge has been completed with favorable result and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license upon the approval of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC).

**2019:298** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$100.00 FOR A COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP CONTRACTORS LICENSE FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP (Licensed w/ State not required on Twp level)

WHEREAS, Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, 283 Gibraltar Road, Horsham, PA 19044 paid for a Pennsauken Township Contractor's License for Commercial work,

WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, paid for a Pennsauken Township Contractor's License for commercial work, which is not required because they are licensed with the State of NJ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$100.00 is returned to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP.

CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Killion			1			
DiBattista			V			
Rafeh		V	$\sqrt{}$			
Taylor	V					
McBride			$\sqrt{}$			

## **CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

<u>Tapestry Apartment Project presentation</u> (5101 N. Park Dr.) a former assistant living facility. Mr. Frank Wisniewski made presentation for 2 seven story apartment buildings with 130 units each and 2 levels of parking. He was asking Committee if they would consider amending an existing ordinance which would be the quickest way to proceed or that they would go before the Zoning Board for a use variance. The apartments are all market rate and mostly 2 bedrooms all with river views.

There were questions about parking and the number of parking spots per unit.

Deputy Mayor Taylor commented the location its currently in deplorable condition and that Cherry Hill has already begun their redevelopment plan. He also stated we need something at market price like what's being proposed.

Mayor McBride and other members of Committee are okay with them going forward.

<u>Noise – update</u> Mayor McBride updated Committee and the residents that there had been a lot of "chatter" on Facebook about the noise coming from across the river. There will be a link on the website to place complaints directly to the police department. Both Gloucester City and the Borough of Palmyra have joined Pennsauken in discussion with the Philadelphia Police.

## **MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION:**

The meeting scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> will be held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm due to a conflict with the Camden County Freeholders meeting

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rev. David Stoner of Temple Lutheran Church on N. Crescent Blvd. read a letter he & wrote thanking EMS and the First Responders of Pennsauken

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Thursday, September 19th, 2019

Dear Mayor McBride,

I am writing on behalf of the people of Temple Lutheran Church and myself. Over the past year, we have had a need to call the Police and Fire Departments to help intercede with a few minor (yet difficult) issues that occurred. We have not done this lightly, however I must say, that once our first responder professionals have arrived, a sigh of relief has been welcomed by all.

But I'm writing to tell you a personal story and to share with you my gratitude and inform you of the exceptional professionalism of yet another branch of first responders that I have never experienced prior to Monday, September, 9th, 2019.

I was playing golf with a retired pastor at Pennsauken Country Club. We were joined by a Cinnaminson Resident named Ron. We'd never met before, but soon became acquainted and laughed a good deal with him through the first fourteen holes. We all hit a few good shot and my friend and I were already on the green. Ron had missed a shot into the ditch and was looking for his ball, when he told us to go on ahead, he would meet us on the next tee box.

Ron, never made it to the tee box. We looked back toward the ditch and saw that Ron had slumped over in his cart. Praying that he was just looking for a ball at the bottom of the cart I began to run toward Ron, and told my friend to call 911. He drove the cart to Ron's aid. I had already assessed that Ron had no pulse and was not breathing. The 911 dispatcher had already made the call to the EMT's. About that same time, the Course Ranger happened to drive by, we told hm of the emergency and he radioed to the pro shop. I began giving CPR as all of this was going on. About five minutes after CPR began. The Pro Shop people arrived with an AED. My friend and I have congregations with AED's and both of us had been trained on how to use them. Once the device was hooked up to Ron, The Shock was delivered.

Within eight minutes of our call to 911. The Pennsauken EMS arrived in force, driving fire trucks, ambulance(s), and police cars across the fairways to our location (the farthest distance from the club house). I was never so glad to see anyone in my life when EMT Mike DiSanti (and what appeared to be every other EMT in the department), came to Ron's cart and said, "Pastor, get the hell out of the way and let us do our jobs." WOW, what a job they did! With-in ten minutes they were able to restore Ron's pulse and sped him away to Lourdes Hospital. I was grateful and overwhelmed by all they did. It was heroic.

Of course my reason for writing is to commend you, the Township Committee and the First Responders of Pennsauken, for having this brigade of well trained professionals who keep us safe and protected and ready, at all hours of the day and night, to respond to our needs. I and the people of Temple thank you for all you do to keep these men and women working and trained for the greater good. PEACE

19 SEP 2019

Alive In Christ's Service

Mayor and Committee thanked him for the letter.

# RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually

#### 2019:299

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF (Personnel / Employment)

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

**WHEREAS**, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

- 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded, on September 5, 2019.
- 2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of Personnel N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8)

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on September 19, 2019.

Attorney Galella stated no action would be taken.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Killion			$\sqrt{}$			
DiBattista						
Rafeh		V	$\sqrt{}$			
Taylor			$\sqrt{}$			
McBride			<b>√</b>			

Mayor and Committee returned to open session at 7:37 pm

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved a motion to adjourn Committeeman Killion seconded the motion A 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Scott-Forman Deputy Clerk

