

**Minutes of the Work Session  
Of the Borough of Chester Heights  
222 Llewellyn Road  
Chester Heights, PA 19017**

**January 28, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Drew Baum, President  
Steve Coccozza, Vice President  
Philip Block, Ph.D.  
Theresa Agostinelli  
Stacey Smith, Mayor  
Susan Clarke  
Ginamarie Ellis

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Gerald C. Montella, Esq., Solicitor

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Baum called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC TO ADDRESS  
COUNCIL**

MARTA DRISCOLL  
458 A LENNI ROAD

Mrs. Driscoll asked council if St. Thomas the Apostle or the Bureau of Elections sent written notice regarding St. Thomas the Apostle not being the polling place.

**PLANNING/VACANCY**

Councilwoman Agostinelli reported on the following:

- Received several correspondences for the Planning Commission Vacancy responses
- There is a vacancy on Zoning Board

**ROADMASTER/EMC**

**Street Light Changeover to LED-**

Larry Ward discussed the sale of the PECO Energy streetlights. Council discussed the benefits of owning old streetlights or changing over to brand new streetlights.

**PennDOT Application to Install a Solar Powered Digital Speed Display on the School Bus Stop Ahead Post-**

President Baum reported that a solar powered digital speed display sign is to be installed at the school bus stop ahead sign near 101 Valleybrook Road. Solicitor Montella will have a resolution and the TP-160 application for PennDOT at the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Communication regarding commuters on Valleybrook Road-**

Councilwoman Ellis presented to council a letter written from Mayor Stacey Smith and Councilwoman Ellis regarding speed on Valleybrook Road. The letter will be finalized for the upcoming Regular Council Meeting on February 4, 2019. Councilwoman Ellis will send the letter out to surrounding municipalities and cities: Aston Township, Bethel Township, Concord Township, Thornbury Township, Middletown Township, Brandywine 100, North Wilmington and the City of Wilmington for them to distribute the letter. Councilwoman Ellis will post the letter on social media and Constant Contact as well as distribute to local newspapers.

ENGINEER

No report.

BAMBOO ORDINANCE

Councilman Block reported on the Bamboo Ordinance and current issues and concerns the Bamboo Ordinance. Council discussed revisions to the existing ordinance that dates to 1991. Councilman Block recommends changes the following:

- Change the height for Bamboo in excess to be set at 6 inches from 10 inches.
- Under Section A the daily potential fine is \$1,000.00 per day. Councilman Block would like to lower it to from \$300.00 per day.
- Under Section D Part 2 change the wording from “Right of way of a public roadway” to “right of way a borough owner roadway”.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Block brought up concerns regarding the Borough's Facebook page regarding a post.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MARTA DRISCOLL  
458 A LENNI ROAD

Mrs. Driscoll asked Vice President Coccozza why her name was being read as she walked into the Borough Hall on December 14, 2018.

SAM IANUCCI  
CHESTER HEIGHTS  
FIRE CO.

Mr. Iannucci requested that when council passes the Bamboo ordinance to have the Borough approach the owner of the property and not have neighbors approaching neighbors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Baum announced in accordance with Act 84, the Sunshine Law that Council will meet in Executive Session to

discuss matters regarding Real Estate and Personnel Matters. Council met in Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. No motions that were needed based upon the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (Block/Ellis) council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Land Development Dates**

**31 Smithbridge Road/ S. B. Conrad** - Submitted Plans 9/18/18, Reviewed Planning Commission 10/29/18 Extension – April 16, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Killian  
Recording Secretary