

**TALBOT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
FOR
MAY 7, 2020**

June 3, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Bill Anderson, Public Works Advisory Board, Chairman
Roger Bollman, Public Works Advisory Board, Vice Chairman
Ed Sclichter, Public Works Advisory Board member
Cory Buxton, Public Works Advisory Board member
Dan Billingsley, Public Works Advisory Board member
Corey Pack – County Council Liaison
Ray Clarke, County Engineer
Terry Martin, DPW Sanitary Engineer
Anthony Kupersmith, Talbot County Attorney
Mary O'Donnell, Assistant Talbot County Attorney

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Public Works Advisory Board meeting was conducted via a conference call. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Anderson, the Chairman, at 12:55 pm after five (5) Board members had called into the conference call.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. With the Public Works Advisory Board meeting being conducted via conference call, Ray Clarke had previously requested via email that interested parties providing any written comments to the Board be forward to the Department of Public Works by May 1, 2020.
- b. Prior to May 7, 2020 meeting of the Public Works Advisory Board (PWAB), Ray Clarke had forwarded written comments to the Board via email. In addition, the PWAB Chairman had drafted a letter to the County Council along with a supporting memorandum that was shared via email with the other members of the Board, various County Departments and interest parties.
- c. At the start of the meeting, Ray Clarke noted that the County Council introduced Resolution 281 at their December 17, 2019 meeting and the Planning Commission reviewing Resolution 281 at their February 5, 2020 meeting. During the Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission noted the need for a phasing of the development since Resolution 281 was seeking to reclassify all the areas noted as W-2/S-2, future planned service for water and

sewer in 3-5 years to W-1/S-1, Immediate Priority Status. The PWAB also met on February 5, 2020 to review Resolution 281 and take public comments. At the February 11, 2020 meeting of the County Council, Amendment 1 was introduced to reclassify about 2/3 of the proposed Lakeside Development as W-1/S-1, Immediate Priority Status the southern 1/3 of the proposed development remaining as W-2/S-2.

d. Shortly after the meeting started, Mr. Pack, County Council President noted the need to review Resolution 281 and Amendment 1, but needed to leave the conference call to attend another conference call with the Governor.

e. **Review of and Recommendation to the County Council for Resolution 281 - A Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan Amendment for the Town of Trappe**

The Chairman of the PWAB initiated discussion related to his letter to the County Council along with the supporting memorandum. As presented in the letter to the County Council, the letter included three (3) recommendations with reasoning noted in the letter related to the recommendations. A summary of the recommendations presented in the letter are noted below:

1. **Against** Amendment 1 to Resolution 281, the Owner's phasing proposal.
2. **In Favor Of** adoption of an Amendment to Resolution 281 that reclassifies and remaps from S-2/W-2 to S-1/W-1 only that portion of the 865-acres that corresponds to Phase 1A of the development, as described in the MDE Draft Permit and Fact Sheet.
3. **In Favor Of** adoption of an Amendment to Resolution 281 that reclassifies and remaps the balance of the 865-acre site from S-2/W-2 to "Not Programmed."

As the PWAB engaged in discussion on the recommendations, it was noted that the PWAB has some limited authority, and it was noted that the PWAB would need to suspend the meeting until 2:40 pm to allow the Board to meet in an executive session with the Office of Law.

After returning from the Executive Session, the Chairman of the PWAB noted that the Office of Law needed more time to review the letter that was presented to the PWAB and interested parties. With nearly all the callers returning to conference call, the Chairman of the PWAB noted that Board would take public testimony from all interested parties. It was noted that each member of the public would be granted three (3) minutes to speak for individuals and five (5) minutes for a group.

In general, the Board received comments from the Ryan Showalter, the Developer's attorney and Lyndsey Ryan, the attorney for the Town of Trappe. The County received written comments from Mr. Jay Corvan and the Downstream Alliance, Bruce Armistead, the attorney representing Dr. and Mrs. Steve Harris, Jesse Hammock, the attorney representing the Lamberts, Faith Nave, Matt Pluta, and Dr. Rebecca Ellison. The testimony presented by the interested parties did not differ from their written comments.

After hearing from the interested parties, the Board presented a motion to table the meeting until May 14, 2020 at 12:45 pm. Mr. Roger Bollman presented the motion which was

seconded by Mr. Ed Sclichter and/or Mr. Cory Buxton. The Board then voted 5-0 to table the meeting until May 14, 2020.

Author: Respectfully Submitted, Ray Clarke

These minutes are the official record of the meeting and represent the understanding of the writer of items discussed and decisions made during the meeting, and shall become a part of the Public Works Advisory Information Document. We shall assume our understanding to be correct unless written notice to the contrary is brought to our attention within fourteen (14) days of receipt of these minutes.