



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

August 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: AUGUST 26, 2021

SUBJECT: VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD – VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Bob Greaves, Michael Schlaghauser, Lucy Strackhouse, David Forbes, Shaun Littlefield, Administrative Manager, Maria Wyrsta

Others: Constance Orkin, Arthur Baehr, P. Moore, David Cloonan, Lora Lehmann

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

Site Updates/Strategies: 1829 Davisville Road property and 490 Tyson Avenue will be scheduled for inspection with the Fire Marshal; 490 Tyson Avenue will be put up for sale; 2602, 2608 and 2610 Jenkintown Road are abandoned businesses (Messino Property)

Four residents participated on the call - David Cloonan, Constance Orkin, P. Moore and Lora Lehmann. Residents expressed concern about the current condition of the properties located at 490 Tyson Ave, and 2602, 2608 and 2610 Jenkintown Road. Specific issues highlighted included broken glass, poor condition of the pavement, and questions about the integrity of the bulkhead doors leading into the basement. In addition to aesthetic concerns, there was concern the properties were becoming a hangout for kids in the neighborhood.

Shaun Littlefield explained how fire inspections work and discussed access issues. Code Enforcement and the Fire Marshal were seeking to coordinate joint inspections and were going to try to schedule an inspection prior to the next meeting. In fact, a fire inspection had been scheduled; but was cancelled due to a fire emergency at a different location.

Lora Lehmann commented on the fire ordinance and that the fire marshal has the right to inspect the property at any time and also asked how many citations have been given.

There was an update on 1829 Davisville Road. The “For Rent” sign previously painted in red has been painted over in grey paint.

Solicitor's input is required for the White Paper.

The VPRB GIS mapping system is now live with a link provided on the Township Website.

Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.