

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 27, 2017

Present: Peter Ferrone
Susan McCloskey
Kevin VanHise
Jean Washington
Murali Mallampati

Absent: Jessica Ann Clifford

Excused Absence: None

Also Present: Andrew Link, Liaison
Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Susan Snook, Secretary

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.R.S. 10:4-10, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.

Minutes:

The June 22, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Participation (for items not on agenda):

None

Township Actions:

Mr. Link gave a brief summary of the following units that the Township has purchased in foreclosures:

- 301 Talon Court: was sold this early this month, so this is off the list
- 1319 Colts Circle: still working with the same buyer and has a new lender she is working with and sounds encouraging but it is going to take another 60 days to get that one closed
- 34 Chamberlin Court: there is a construction contract and has not started yet and should be starting very soon

Housing Rehabilitation Program:

Mr. Link stated there are two projects that are out to bid and opening the bids tomorrow, July 28, 2017 and will probably have two housing rehab projects going soon.

Berk's Walk (Lawrenceville Gardens) Two Affordable Rentals:

Mr. Link stated Lawrenceville Gardens and are building eight (8) new units and they are providing two (2) affordable units by repurposing some existing units. We approved the Operating Manual so they are good to go with the affordable housing. We do not know when they intend to start construction, the affordable units will come on line with the construction starts when the first and the fifth certificate of occupancy are issued. When they have the units that they intend to turn into affordable units ready, we will take a look at them and take a tour.

Update Status of Changes at State Level:

Chairperson VanHise stated not much as transpired in the last 30 days. Judge Jacobson is still working on her opinion and was in court last week and she does not want to hear about it. She is reading though 800 to 900 pages of notes that she took throughout the trial. At the State level most of the courts are actually sitting back right now and waiting to see what transpires from her decision. The Supreme Court did issue a decision on some technical effects of the case and there were two or three opinions that came out recently in the last week or two, one had to do with a report that was originally prepared by Dr. Bruscell who was COAH's original expert. He did a report back in August of 2015 and the Appellate Division ruled that report should be turned over to the other side.

The other case was a motion made in the South Brunswick case to set aside the verdict that was rendered by Judge Wolfson but was heard by Judge Herd from Mercer County and found that there was no evidence of impropriety or conflict that would preclude that decision and so therefore that decision stands absent the completion of the trial.

So everything is hold waiting for Judge Jacobson.

Other Business:

Ms. Washington stated her the problem with her friend got settled. She is no longer living in Avalon Run and forgave her and moved to Lawrence Plaza.

Adjournment:

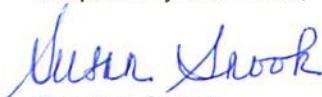
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

After the meeting adjourned, Chairperson VanHise stated traditionally we cancel the August meeting and a motion was made by Jean Washington to cancel the August meeting and seconded by Susan McCloskey and it was approved to cancel the August meeting.

Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Snook
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: Oct 26, 2017