

## **Abington Township Vacancy Property Review Board**

Thursday, February 2, 2017  
Commencing at 4:12 PM  
Township Building Board Room

**A. Start of Meeting:**

In Attendance: John Spiegelman, Shaun Littlefield, Cathy Gauthier, Toby True, Lora Lehmann  
Excused: Bob Greaves, Lorena Trujillo, Larry Matteo, Mike Narcowich, Jerry Nugent

- B.** Minutes of the January 5 meeting were approved.
- C.** John Spiegelman said due to the light showing today, the nominating of the chairperson will be postponed to the March meeting.
- D.** Call on Shaun Littlefield to give an update on current vacant properties. 1813 Easton Rd. is now leased and a Use & Occupancy application will need to be submitted to Code Enforcement for review. 1145 Easton Rd. is under a lease agreement; they will be opening in early 2017 and have a Use & Occupancy application submitted. The new use will be a dumpling restaurant. 397 Stewart Ave has just been sold. The new owner submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application to convert the property into a duplex and also submitted a permit to install new vinyl siding.
- E.** Cathy Gauthier inquired as to whether John received a response from Lauren Gallagher regarding if District Justices are aware of the Blight and Vacant Registration Ordinances. John stated he will follow up with the Solicitor's office to obtain an answer.
- F.** John stated that the property deeded as 1124 Old York Rd., the former bike shop, was not part of the Phase 1 Old York Rd. & Susquehanna Rd. redevelopment project. He stated that the owners of the property are actively looking for a tenant in the meantime. However, there is progress being made with four of the properties involved in the redevelopment. There are currently agreements of sale in place for the Township to buy two of these four properties.
- G.** The Retail Recruitment Subcommittee & Shade Tree Commission walking survey is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, weather permitting.
- H.** Toby True inquired as to the status of 1170-1180 Easton Rd. Shaun responded that he thought an agreement of sale was going to be happening soon after speaking several weeks ago with Pat McCabe, the listing agent for the property. However, no word has been given since from Mr. McCabe or any other representative from the property.
- I.** John said that Van Strother will be attending the next Vacancy meeting where we will be discussing both the Act 135 Conservatorship as well as the owner-occupied rehabilitation program.

The next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.