

**Workshop Meeting Activity**

**July 12, 2021**

**TITLE**

**MOTION**

**SECOND**

Approve the June 21, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Richert

Commissioner Haluka

Approve the Monyok-Schreiber Subdivision Plan.

Commissioner Richert

Commissioner Haluka

Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO****WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES****July 12, 2021****CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Daniel Darragh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioner Amy Richert, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. President Jones and Vice President Arthur Williams were not in attendance. The meeting is being recorded.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Richert made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**GUEST PRESENTER MANDY STEELE:**

Mandy Steele stated she is a member of the Fox Chapel Borough Council and the mother of four small children. She provided a packet to the Board with information from the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) regarding coal-tar-based pavement sealcoat. She also provided a copy of an ordinance enacted in Fox Chapel Borough in 2020 that prohibits the application of coal tar in the municipality. She said she is going around to various municipalities and explaining how dangerous coal tar is to the residents and asking the municipalities to enact an ordinance like Fox Chapel Borough. Mandy explained the issue with coal tar as follows: It is a waste product from the coking process that can be applied to asphalt surfaces such as playgrounds, driveways, and parking lots. It flakes off into microscopic particles that stick to the bottom of your shoes and then it gets tracked into your house where it becomes part of your house dust, so you ingest it. Some of the evidence suggests that it causes cancer of the large organs. Because it flakes off, it gets washed into the water supply every time it rains. It is not available in a store. When a resident hires a sealing company, the company buys coal tar from one regional distribution center in Pennsylvania, which is SealMaster. Mandy said if all of the municipalities ban the use of coal tar, then the regional distribution center will not carry the product. It is banned in 13 states. She said Pennsylvania is a coal state, so it may be a while until PA would consider a ban on this product. The Commissioners asked why companies are still using coal tar, and Mandy said that reputable companies are not using coal tar because they had people get very sick from it. The companies that are still using it are those who grew up using it. Mandy said she has a statement from PennFuture indicating they are entirely within their legal rights to ban the application of coal tar because it has not been reviewed yet at the state level. The Commissioners asked for a list of municipalities who have banned coal tar besides Fox Chapel. Mandy said she will send a list, but some of them are Mt Lebanon, Aspinwall, O'Hara, Hampton, Shaler, and Glen Osborne. She said if Aleppo adopted the ordinance, they would be the 16<sup>th</sup> municipality in the state. Solicitor Stone said that the Board will discuss this topic and get back to her at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MONYOK-SCHREIBER SUBDIVISION PLAN:**

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to approve the Monyok-Schreiber Subdivision Plan. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PROPERTY COMPLAINT - 241 WEBER ROAD:**

Manager Patterson said a complaint, including photos, regarding the condition of 241 Weber Road was sent to her and all of the commissioners by a property owner. Manager Patterson said there have been ongoing complaints from residents for years about this property. She said there are unregistered vehicles and vehicles that are falling apart, and the police have issued citations. The property owner went to the magistrate and was found guilty on some of the citations and then new citations were issued this week because the vehicles have not been moved. The photos show a lot of debris in the yard. Manager Patterson said that multiple violation notices have been sent to the property owner since at least 2012. Jeff Frazier, who is the Code Enforcement Officer, spoke about the property, and explained some of the code enforcement process. He said he will do a site visit to investigate the complaint.

Jerry Veshio spoke about the property at 241 Weber Road, and he asked the Board to please address this ongoing issue.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Not requested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Darragh at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek  
Township Secretary