

AGENDA
WORKSHOP MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 – 7:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID: [864 0803 1830](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86408031830)
[MEETING PASSODE: TOWNSHIP](#)

LINK TO LIVE BROADCAST: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86408031830>

**In response to the rising number of positive COVID cases in Montgomery County,
masks are strongly encouraged for this meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents who plan to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to comment on agenda items or bring new business to the attention of the Board of Commissioners at the beginning of the meeting.

Residents who will be attending remotely are encouraged to submit their comments or questions to the Township Manager prior to the close of the business day on the date of the meeting using the link below:

[SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

1. **Planning Commission Membership** – review resumes and/or letters of interest received to fill an anticipated vacancy on the Planning Commission
2. **Hail Damage** – discuss the interest of the Board to conduct a town hall meeting to assist residents with insurance claims and repairs
3. **Recycling Report** – review the monthly recycling activities
4. **Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority** - discuss the possible sale of the wastewater utility and potential impacts on customer rates; consider formal position opposing the sale
5. **Shepherds Pond Subdivision** – authorize the repair of an existing stormwater detention basin and the reimbursement of those costs
6. **Sidewalk Installation** – consider a request to install sidewalk on the north side of Haws Lane between Lucon Road and State Route 309
7. **Shade Tree Commission** – consider the reappointment of one existing member
8. **Township Manager’s Report** – discuss operational issues as outlined in the Monthly Report
9. **August Bill Listing** – review and approve the monthly bill listing and check reconciliation of the previous month

10. **Telecommunications Policy** – review a draft policy to permit individual participation and the conduct of township meetings via telecommunications devices
11. **American Recovery Plan Act** – discuss the use of American Recovery Plan Act funds
12. **Zoning Hearing Board Agenda** - announce the agenda of any special or regular meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board
13. **“Family”, “Group Home”, and “Rooming House”** – review of zoning code definitions and terms as they relate to the use of single family dwellings
14. **Parking Restrictions** – consider a recommendation by the police department to implement parking restrictions in the 1200 block of Willow Grove Avenue
15. **Stop Sign** – consider a recommendation by the police department to place a stop sign on Wyndmoor Avenue at its intersection with Traymore Avenue
16. **Stenton Avenue** – review the results of a left turn signalization study on Stenton Avenue at the Evergreen Avenue, Gravers Lane and Mermaid Lane intersections
17. **Entry Level Police Officers** – consider extending conditional offers of employment to fill two vacancies in the police department
18. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee** – review resumes and/or letters of interest received to fill a vacancy on the Committee
19. **Trail Master Plan** – receive a presentation from the Montgomery County Planning Commission regarding the trail planning process and resident engagement opportunities as part of the August 10 business meeting
20. **Recreation Center** – consider the creation of a Master Plan document for the future use and development of the recreation center

Michael Taylor
Township Manager

MT:cmt
8/2/2022

NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE!

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WISHING TO ATTEND THE ABOVE SCHEDULED MEETING AND REQUIRING AN AUXILIARY AID, SERVICE OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AT 215-836-7600, 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

To access the live broadcast of the meeting via zoom, residents can watch:

- VIA WEB BROWSER: Copy and paste this link into your web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86408031830>; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.
- VIA ZOOM APP: if you have the Zoom App on your smartphone, tablet, or computer, open the program, click join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID: 864 0803 1830; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.
- VIA CALL-IN: Dial +1 646 558 8656 and enter the Meeting ID: 864 0803 1830; type in the passcode: TOWNSHIP, when prompted.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
INSURANCE COMPLAINT FORM
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)**

It is our goal to assist you in resolving your complaint as quickly as possible. Therefore, we ask that you complete this form and return it to the office listed on the reverse side of this page. Please provide as much information and documentation as you can. Within a few days following our receipt of your complaint, you will receive a letter advising you of your file number, the name of the investigator assigned to assist you and information on how to contact our office if you have questions. In general, you can expect the investigator to contact you within thirty (30) days to advise you of our findings. However, there are times when our investigation may take longer.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

 INSURED'S NAME:
 (IF OTHER THAN
 ABOVE) _____

 INSURANCE CARD ID NUMBER: _____

HOME: (____) _____
 WORK: (____) _____
 EMAIL: _____

1. Does this complaint involve an individual that is Medicare eligible (Y/N) or a Veteran (Y/N)?

2. Type of Insurance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Auto	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Supplement
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Renters/Condo	<input type="checkbox"/> Annuity	<input type="checkbox"/> HMO	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Viatical	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flood		<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare	
<input type="checkbox"/> Title		<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Advantage	

3. Type of Problem:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cancellation/Nonrenewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Claim Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Billing/Premium Dispute
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Misrepresentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

4. (A) If your problem involves an insurance company, give the full name of the company:

 (B) If your problem involves an agent or broker, give his/her full name, address and phone number.

5. Policy Number: _____ In what State was this policy sold? _____

6. Date & location of loss: _____ Claim #: _____

7. Have you previously reported this problem to our office or any other agency? Yes No

8. Are you represented by an attorney? Yes No (if yes, please give name, address and telephone #):

Note: If you have proceeded with litigation against the company and/or agent we will not be able to assist you until the litigation has been completed and the court has found misconduct on the part of these parties.

9. Briefly describe your problem and state how you feel it should be resolved. If you feel that copies of your policy, correspondence or other supporting documentation will assist us in understanding or evaluating the issues, please send copies to us. If more space is needed to describe your problem, please attach additional sheets.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND DATE THE STATEMENT BELOW:

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE GIVEN ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT A COPY OF THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS MAY BE FORWARDED TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY, AGENT OR BROKER INVOLVED.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Please circle either Medical, Credit or both if your complaint involves a medical issue and/or credit info)

I AUTHORIZE _____ (Name of Insurance Company) TO RELEASE TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ANY **MEDICAL / CREDIT INFORMATION** THAT MAY BE PERTINENT TO THE RESOLUTION OF MY COMPLAINT.

(Signature)

(Date)

Email, Mail or Fax Complaint Form to:

Pennsylvania Insurance Department
Bureau of Consumer Services
Room 1209, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Fax: (717) 787-8585
Email: ra-in-consumer@pa.gov

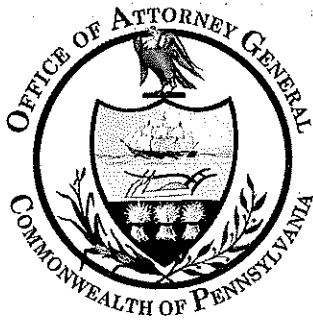
Toll Free Consumer Hotline: 1-877-881-6388

Please feel free to submit your question or complaint on-line at:

Website: www.insurance.pa.gov

Are you a veteran of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard?

If yes, you are eligible for the Pennsylvania Veteran's Registry which connects Pennsylvania veterans to state and federal benefits and programs to which you are eligible. You may register as a Pennsylvania Veteran by going to the following website <https://register.dmva.pa.gov/> or call us at 1-877-881-6388 to request a copy of the PA Veterans Registry Form. When completing the registry form, please indicate that Insurance Department referred you to the Registry.



Consumer Complaint Form

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Bureau of Consumer Protection
15th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

1-800-441-2555 – PA ONLY
1-717-787-9707

consumers@attorneygeneral.gov
www.attorneygeneral.gov

WHEN SHOULD YOU FILE A COMPLAINT

If you are unable to resolve a problem with a business (see, "Problem-Solving Tips", below), you may wish to file a complaint with the Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection ("Bureau"). You can download a complaint form from our website at www.attorneygeneral.gov or you can call our toll-free number, 1.800.441.2555, to have a form mailed to you.

The Bureau provides a mediation service to consumers where an attempt may be made to mediate individual complaints which fall within the Bureau's jurisdiction. The information you provide will be used in an attempt to resolve your complaint and will be shared with the party(ies) against which the complaint is filed. Additionally, your complaint may be shared with or referred to other governmental law enforcement or regulatory agencies.

NOTE: (1) Participation in the mediation process is voluntary and we cannot compel a business to cooperate; and (2) We cannot mediate a matter that is already or has been the subject of legal action.

When we receive your completed complaint form, it will be reviewed by our staff and, depending on the nature of the complaint, one of the following courses of action may be taken.

- We may refer your complaint to a local, state or federal agency, which has primary jurisdiction over the subject matter. If your complaint is referred to such an agency or organization, you will be notified by mail of its name and address, so you may follow up on your complaint.
- If your complaint falls with the Bureau's jurisdiction, we may attempt to initiate our voluntary mediation process with the business, in which case you will receive a letter with your file number and the name of the agent who will handle the mediation. Please keep your file number for future reference when contacting this office.

NOTE: Because of the volume of complaints the Bureau receives, it may take some time before we review and process your complaint. We ask for and appreciate your patience during this time.

NOTE: In order to document your complaint file and keep it up-to-date, we request communications from you and the business to be in writing.

- You will be notified by mail when we receive information regarding your case.
TO HELP US HELP YOU, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CALLING FOR "STATUS REPORTS."

If mediation efforts are not successful, you may be advised to seek relief either through a private attorney or through Magisterial District Court. The Bureau cannot provide you with private legal counsel or offer legal advice. The Bureau represents the public at large in its enforcement of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law ("Consumer Protection Law"). The Consumer Protection Law does provide individual consumers with the ability to bring a private action, citing unfair and deceptive business practices.

PROBLEM-SOLVING TIPS

It is helpful for you to try to resolve your own complaint before contacting the Bureau. However, if you have exhausted your efforts to resolve the problem without success, contact the Office of Attorney General promptly for assistance.

NOTE: If your claim involves a dispute of charges placed on your credit card, or billing statement or if a merchant has promised to reverse or credit your charge card but has failed to do so, you must act quickly to preserve your right to challenge a charge. Under the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act, your credit card company must receive

a written dispute notice from you within 60 days after the first bill containing the disputed charge was mailed to you. The Bureau cannot dispute this charge for you. Look at the back of your credit card statement for specific information regarding the procedure for filing your dispute. You must file your dispute with your credit card company, a complaint to the merchant or company that made the charge is not sufficient. Even if you file a credit card dispute, you can still file a complaint with our office.

IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

Before you complain to a company, be sure to identify the problem, what (if anything) you have already done to resolve the problem and what you think is a fair settlement. For example, do you want your money back? Would you like the product repaired? Do you want the product exchanged?

GATHER RECORDS

Start a file about your complaint. Include copies of sales receipts, repair orders, warranties, canceled checks, and contracts which will back up your complaint and help the company solve your problem.

Go to the place you made the purchase. Contact the person who sold you the item or performed the service. Calmly and accurately explain the problem and what action you would like taken. If that person is not helpful, ask for the supervisor or manager and restate your case. A large percentage of consumer problems are resolved at this level. Chances are, yours will be too.

Allow each person you contact time to resolve your problem before contacting someone else.

Keep a record of your efforts and include the names of those you spoke with and what was done about the problem. Save copies of any letters you send to the company, as well as letters sent to you.

WRITING A COMPLAINT LETTER

The letter should include your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, and the account number, if appropriate.

Make your letter brief and to the point. Specify all the important facts about your purchase, including the date and place you made the purchase and any information you can give about the product, such as the serial or model number. If you are writing to complain about a service you received, describe the service and who performed it.

State exactly what you want done about the problem and how long you are willing to wait to resolve it. Have reasonable expectations.

Include copies of all documents regarding your problem. Be sure to send COPIES, not originals.

Don't write an angry, sarcastic, or threatening letter. The person reading your letter probably was not responsible for your problem, but may be very helpful in resolving it.

Type your letter if possible. If it is handwritten, make sure it is neat and easy to read.

Keep a copy of all correspondence to and from the company, as well as a copy of your complaint.

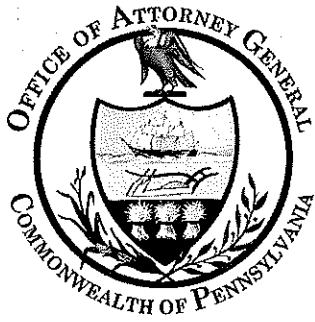
OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you are not satisfied with the response, don't give up. If the company operates nationally or the product is a national brand, call or write a letter to the person responsible for consumer complaints at the company's headquarters, e.g., the company's public relations representative or president. Many companies have toll-free telephone numbers, often printed on the product. Before telephoning a company long distance, check to see if the firm has a toll-free number.

If you have questions concerning the specific application or interpretation of the law, you should consult a private attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you can call your county lawyer referral service or your county bar association. Other agencies may be accessed through the blue pages of your telephone director.

The Bureau is charged with identifying patterns of business practices which may violate the Consumer Protection Law. Even if you have resolved your complaint, you can forward a statement regarding your experience, with attached documents, for the Bureau's reference.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We hope we can be of assistance to you.



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- Please check if you or an immediate family member is a member of the military or a veteran.
- Please check if you are age 60 or older.

Your Information

Fields marked with (*) are required.

NAME*

STREET ADDRESS*

CITY*

STATE*

5-DIGIT ZIP CODE*

COUNTY*

BEST PHONE NUMBER*

ALTERNATIVE PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL By providing your email address, you agree to receive email communications from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

AGE

Complaint Information

Fields marked with (*) are required.

BUSINESS NAME*

PERSON TO WHOM YOU SPOKE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

CITY*

STATE

5-DIGIT ZIP CODE

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE BUSINESS TO DO TO RESOLVE YOUR COMPLAINT?

HAVE YOU CONTACTED OTHER AGENCIES? YES NO

IF YES, AGENCIES CONTACTED AND ACTIONS THEY TOOK (IF KNOWN)

Optional Information

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

WHAT IS YOUR RACE OR ETHNICITY?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC/LATINO | <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE (NOT HISPANIC/LATINO) | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE AMERICAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK/AFRICANAMERICAN(NOTHISPANIC/LATINO) | <input type="checkbox"/> BIRACIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Attorney General cannot act as your private attorney. As a law enforcement agency, the primary function of the Office of Attorney General is to represent the public at large by enforcing laws prohibiting unfair or deceptive practices. The Attorney General, through the Bureau of Consumer Protection, provides a mediation service to consumers where an attempt may be made to mediate your individual consumer complaint if it falls within the jurisdiction of the office. Please be advised that the information you provide will be shared with the party against which you have filed a complaint. Additionally, your complaint may be shared with or referred to other governmental law enforcement or regulatory agencies. Your complaint will also be kept on file with our office and the information contained therein may be used to establish violations of Pennsylvania Law. Attached to this complaint form is an informational sheet which will help you in completion of the complaint form and also will explain in greater detail the mediation process. By signing below, I authorize the Bureau of Consumer Protection to contact the party(ies) against which I have filed a complaint in an effort to reach an amicable resolution. I further authorize the party(ies) against which I have filed a complaint to communicate with and provide information related to my complaint to the Bureau of Consumer Protection. I verify that I have read and understand the informational sheet about this process; and, that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

YOUR SIGNATURE

DATE

**Please include copies of all documents regarding your problem.
Be sure to send COPIES, not originals.**

**RECYCLING REPORT
STATISTICAL DATA
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022**

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>
Materials Collected (tons)			
Single Stream Recyclables	148.7	1,215.4	2,231
Householder Participation			
No. of Curb Stops	19,420	150,936	281,276
Percent of Total (7,200)	67.4	70.2	75.0
Avg. Lbs. per Curb Stop	15.3	16.1	15.9
Sales Value of Recyclables (net)			
Single Stream Recyclables (\$4.41)*	(655.77)	(2,961.48)	(101,323.33)
Disposal Savings/Cost Avoidance			
Authority Tipping Fee @ \$62.03	9,223.86	75,390.02	138,407.54
State Performance Grant			
Prorated Annual Award	2,470.42	17,292.92	29,645.00
Grand Total Sales/Savings	11,038.51	89,721.46	66,729.21
Cost of Collection (prorated)			
Labor and Overhead	(25,313.00)	(177,191.00)	(303,756.00)
Equipment Cost	(3,816.75)	(26,717.25)	(45,801.00)
General Expense/Recycling Center	(83.33)	(583.33)	(1,000.00)
Total Cost	(29,213.08)	(204,491.58)	(350,557.00)
Net Income and Saving	(18,174.57)	(114,770.12)	(283,827.79)

* Sales value adjusts monthly



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 13, 2022

Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority Board of Directors Presents Offer from Aqua Pennsylvania to Acquire Wastewater Services

Board seeks public input before making a final decision

WARRINGTON, PA – The Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) Board of Directors today received a formal offer of more than \$1.1 billion from Aqua Pennsylvania to acquire its wastewater services. With a formal agreement in hand, the board can now seek input from municipal stakeholders and the public before a final decision is made.

BCWSA selected Aqua Pennsylvania, a subsidiary of Essential Utilities Inc., as the proposed purchaser after conducting an extensive examination of all assets and determining the most beneficial decision for all concerned. Aqua Pennsylvania agreed to BCWSA's terms to ensure customers have rate protections for several years, municipalities and their taxpayers realize significant financial benefits, the highest level of environmental standards are met, and no current or former employees would be negatively impacted.

“Receiving the formal offer allows us to present it to the public and receive feedback. We’ve said from the beginning that this would be a transparent process,” said John Cordisco, BCWSA Chairman. “We want stakeholders, customers and community members to have an opportunity to review the terms of the agreement before any final decision is made. It is a commitment we made to our customers and communities we serve.”

Aqua Pennsylvania presented the best opportunities for BCWSA's customers and county taxpayers. After paying BCWSA's debt balance, the offer would provide Bucks County government and its residents with about \$1 billion in sale proceeds. This would allow a portion of the proceeds to be contributed to a fund to absorb rate increases over the next 10 years, including a complete rate freeze in the first year. The sale of only the wastewater operation means significantly lower rate increases, estimated to be less than \$20/month more by 2033. BCWSA would continue to own and operate the water service.

Along with creating a fund for customers, the county could allocate the money for needs that it deems appropriate, such as eliminating its debt, freezing any tax increases over an extended period of time, and other essential needs to benefit residents. Operations at BCWSA's current headquarters would continue for at least 25 years.

“We are very pleased that Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) decided to work with Aqua Pennsylvania in its consideration to sell its wastewater utility. We are excited about the

opportunities we could bring to the employees, continue strong service to the customers and be a valued community partner. We intend to build upon BCWSA's legacy of providing reliable, high-quality service," said Essential Chairman and CEO Christopher Franklin.

BCWSA anticipates future infrastructure challenges that will require a significant financial commitment to maintain improvements for all customers. Communities across its coverage area are serviced by an aging sewer system that needs ongoing repairs and upgrades. Additionally, Aqua Pennsylvania will also seek PUC approval for the ability to replace damaged customer wastewater laterals (the pipes that connect homes and businesses to the public sewers) to address the stormwater inflow, which is something BCWSA is not permitted to do.

"A private entity like Aqua Pennsylvania can handle infrastructure needs more efficiently and effectively since they can spread costs and work over a larger system," said Cordisco. "Many of our customers have already experienced the costly headaches caused by aging laterals that have failed and damaged their properties. Aqua Pennsylvania can provide a solution to thousands of homeowners with older properties, especially low-and-fixed income individuals and families."

Aqua Pennsylvania would assume all necessary permits to operate the systems and assume all Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) consents and orders related to the systems. Additionally, under the proposed offer, all employees (union and non-union) would maintain their jobs based on current salaries and collective bargaining agreements. All pension plans would remain intact and existing employee benefits would be maintained.

Representatives from Aqua Pennsylvania and BCWSA will hold public open houses that will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. are currently scheduled as follows. For more information about the formal offer and public meeting schedule, please visit www.BCWSAcommitment.org

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Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) - is an independent, non-profit agency formed in 1962 under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. We are one of the largest water and sewer authorities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing water and sewer services to more than 100,000 households, business accounts, and some 525,000 people in the southeastern Pennsylvania region.



Commitment to Customers & Communities

To Those We Serve Across All Communities:

The Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) has been serving municipalities across Bucks County and southeastern Pennsylvania for the last 60 years. We have a proven record of always putting our communities, customers and employees first in every decision we make.

With that core principle in mind, when we were presented with an initial acquisition offer for BCWSA, we had a fiduciary responsibility to examine every detail and determine the most beneficial decision for all concerned. The process included obtaining an assessment of all our operations, services, assets and any other resources that are part of BCWSA. **A significant component of our analysis entailed ensuring that our customers would have rate protections, municipalities and their taxpayers would realize financial benefits, programs would remain in place to achieve the highest environmental standards, and no current and former employees' pay and benefits would be negatively impacted.**

After agreeing to our terms, we received a formal offer of \$1.1 billion from Aqua Pennsylvania to acquire our wastewater operations only. (BCWSA would continue to own and provide water service.) Receiving the formal offer allows us to present it to the public and receive feedback. While we take these next steps, it is important to know that we have not made a final decision on the acquisition offer. We want stakeholders, ratepayers and community members to have an opportunity to review the terms of the agreement that would provide:

- **Customers** – We anticipate the sale proceeds could be contributed to a fund to minimize rate increases over the next 10 years, including a complete rate freeze in the first year. The sale of only our wastewater operation means significantly lower rate increases, estimated to be less than \$20/month more by 2033. Low-income residents will continue to have access to grant or discount programs to help pay bills.
- **Community** - Bucks County government and its residents will receive about \$1 billion in new revenues from the sale proceeds. Along with creating a fund for customers, the county can allocate the money for needs that it deems appropriate, such as eliminating its debt, freezing any tax increases over an extended period of time, and other essential needs to benefit residents. Operations at BCWSA's current headquarters will continue for at least 25 years.
- **Employees** – All employees (union and non-union) will maintain their jobs based on current salaries and collective bargaining agreements. All pension plans will remain intact and existing employee benefits will be maintained.
- **Environmental** – Aqua Pennsylvania will assume all necessary permits to operate the systems and assume all Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) consents and orders related to the systems. Aqua Pennsylvania will also seek PUC approval for the ability to replace damaged customer wastewater laterals to address the stormwater inflow, which is something BCWSA is not permitted to do.

The benefits outlined above are terms that we required Aqua Pennsylvania to meet. They reflect our commitment to you, the customers and communities we serve. This announcement marks the first step toward moving forward with full transparency. We will be holding meetings for the public to ask questions to BCWSA and Aqua Pennsylvania representatives regarding the transaction and their services. The input received during these meetings will be part of any final actions involving this proposed acquisition. You can learn all the facts and stay updated at www.BCWSAcommitment.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Cordisco, BCWSA Board Chair



Our communities and customers come first.

OUR COMMITMENT:

The Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) has been serving municipalities across Bucks County and southeastern Pennsylvania for the last 60 years. We have recently been presented with a formal offer of \$1.1 billion by Aqua Pennsylvania to acquire our wastewater system only. Before we make any determination on whether we will move forward, we will put our communities, customers and employees first with every decision we make.

Any decision to sell our sewer system must ensure:

- Ratepayer protections over the next 10 years
- \$1 billion in proceeds for the county and its taxpayers
- Highest-level of environmental regulations
- Job security for all employees
- Public transparency

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:



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Community: Bucks County government and its residents will receive more than \$1 billion in new revenue from the sale, which the county can allocate for essential services, cover future tax payments or other community needs.

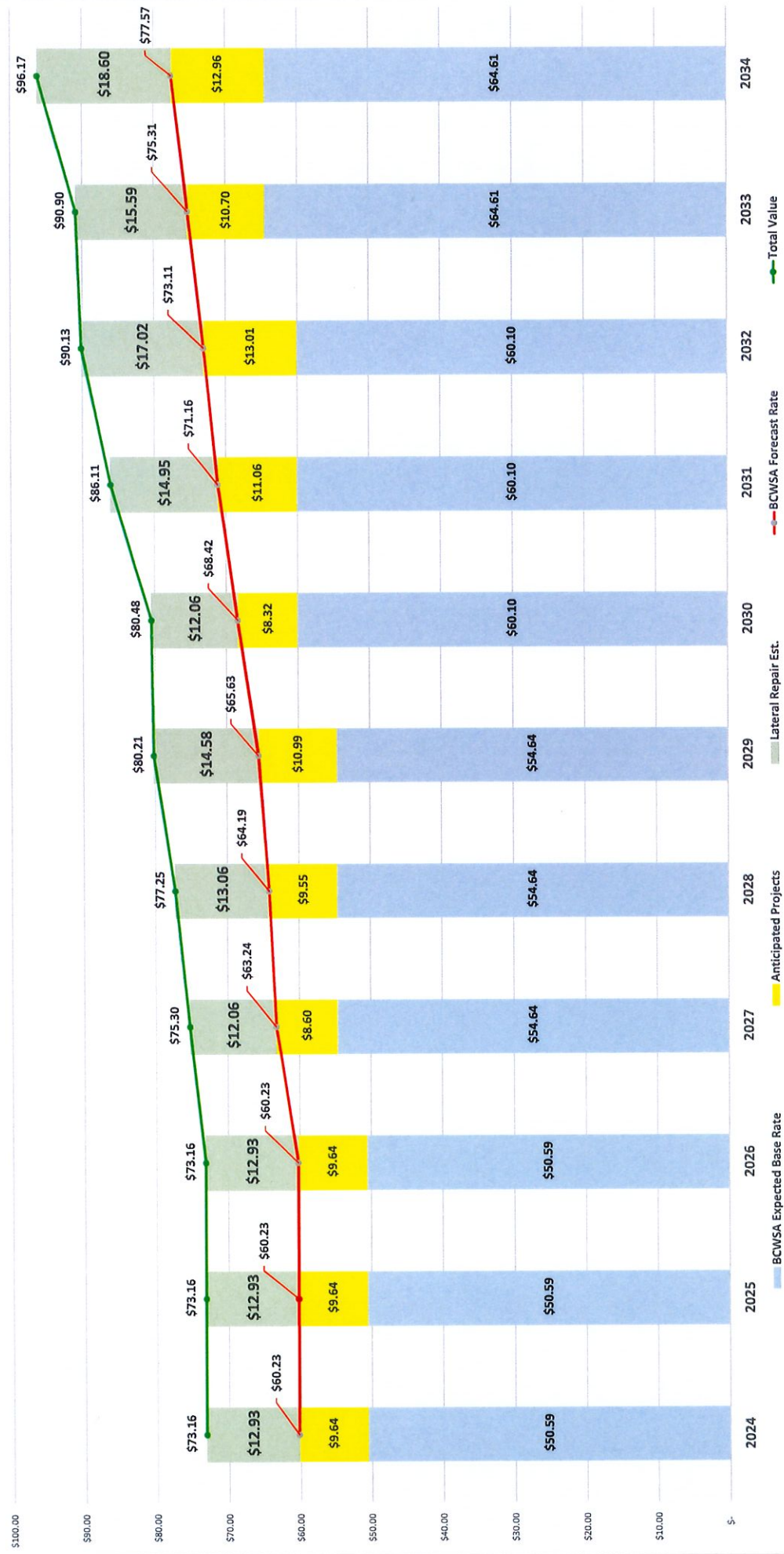


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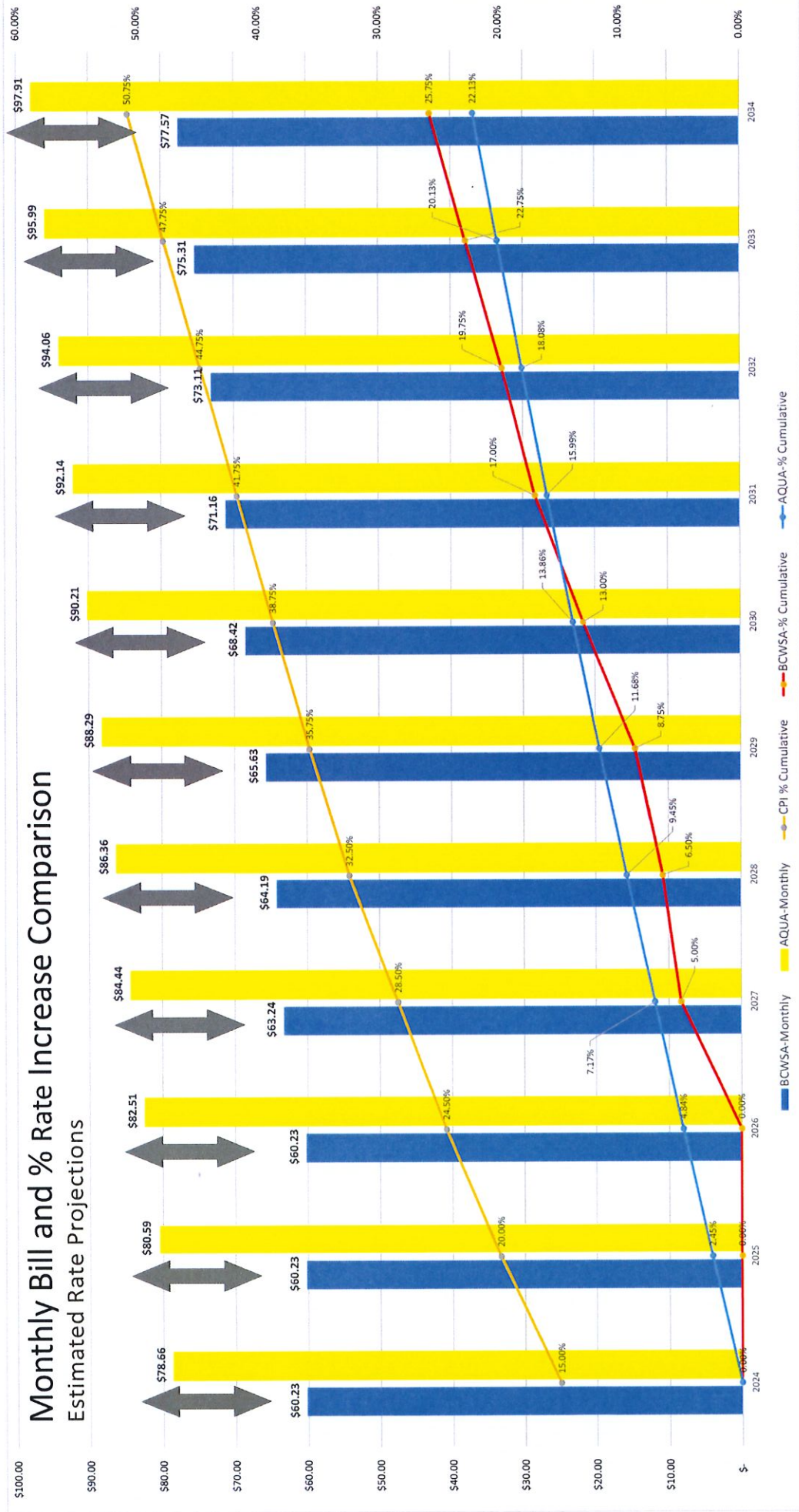
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BCWSA Rate Projection for Known Projects and Lateral Replacement Value



Monthly Bill and % Rate Increase Comparison

Estimated Rate Projections



Assumes estimated Aqua rate case awards based on independent analysis

BCWSA rate projection includes Bristol acquisition and anticipated projects for a total of \$254 MM

= Difference Subsidized with Customer Benefit Fund Over 10-Year Period

Sewer System Plan Opposed in Bucks

Potential sale to Aqua Pa. doesn't go over well at public meeting.

The image shows a woman in profile, wearing a blue patterned top, speaking into a white microphone. Behind her is a large informational sign for Aqua Pennsylvania. The sign features the Aqua logo at the top left, followed by the text 'PENNSYLVANIA At A Glance'. Below this, there are several statistics presented in icons and text: 1.5 million people served, 580 employees, 39 wastewater treatment plants, 32 counties, 6,600 miles of pipe, 12 wastewater treatment plants, 115 million gallons daily, 505k connections, and 300+ wells. A map of Pennsylvania is shown, divided into service territories: Shenango, Roaring Creek/Susquehanna, Honesdale/White Haven, and Southeastern PA. To the right of the map, there are lists of counties for each territory. At the bottom of the sign, there is a photo of Marc A. Lucca, Aqua Pennsylvania President, and the text 'Capital Investment Projects'.

AQUA
At A Glance

PENNSYLVANIA

1.5 MILLION PEOPLE SERVED

580 EMPLOYEES

39 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

32 COUNTIES

6,600 MILES OF PIPE

12 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

115 MILLION GALLONS DAILY

505k CONNECTIONS

300+ WELLS

Shenango:
Parts of Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren counties

Roaring Creek/Susquehanna:
Parts of Adams, Bradford, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Snyder counties

Honesdale/White Haven:
Parts of Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties

Southeastern PA:
Parts of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties

Aqua Pennsylvania President
Marc A. Lucca

Capital Investment Projects

Signs from Aqua America on display at the open house. Most of the members of the public who attended the first of two public sessions Tuesday appeared to be opposed to a sale. TYGER WILLIAMS / Staff Photographer



Brian Maguire, of Warrington Township, asks a question during a session about the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's proposal to sell the sewage system. Instead of having a formal presentation, various parties met face to face.

BY ANDREW MAYKUTH (STAFF WRITER)

A campaign by Bucks County officials to reshape the dialogue about the proposed \$1.1 billion sale of the county sewer system went public on Tuesday with a pair of "open house" events to discuss the move toward privatization.

There's been no final decision on the proposed sale to Bryn Mawr-based Aqua Pennsylvania, according to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) officials. But the authority's July 13 vote to give exclusive negotiation rights to Aqua has already drawn opposition from some municipal leaders and unionized workers at BCWSA.

chair.

"There have been no backroom deals or have been no private meetings, no member of the water and sewer authority [board] has ever met privately with members of Aqua or their executive team," Cordisco said in an interview during the informational event Tuesday morning at Bucks County Community College-Perkasie.

"There's a lot of misinformation that has been put forward, and our purpose here is to clarify that," Cordisco later told the audience of about 50 who attended the Perkasie event, along with about two dozen representatives from Aqua Pennsylvania and BCWSA. A second open house was conducted Tuesday evening at the community college's Newtown campus.

'We lose local control'

Most of the members of the public who attended the Perkasie event appeared to be opposed to a sale.

"I'm concerned about a corporate takeover of a public utility," said Kara Raymond of Doylestown, who held a "Stop the Sewer Sale" pamphlet during an hour-long question-and-answer-session. "People are here to ask questions and let their feelings be known. People aren't here for a corporate presentation."

The proposed deal would be the latest privatization undertaken in Pennsylvania since the state in 2016 passed new rules encouraging private ownership of public water and sewer systems. That law allows buyers to recover from ratepayers the appraised "fair market value" of a utility, which is typically much higher than the book value of the assets.

BCWSA officials largely cast the potential sale in a positive light, saying the county would net nearly a \$1 billion from the sale, allowing it to reduce debt, increase services and forego property tax increases for years to come.

But customers who attended Tuesday's event and criticized the sale said ratepayers would pay higher rates to allow Aqua to recover the purchase cost. BCWSA's current residential sewer rate of about \$48 a month compares to Aqua's rate of \$88.

"I see no benefit to the customers of the authority," said Randy Scott, a retiree from Warrington. "There isn't any benefit here. There is nothing they have proposed that they can't do themselves without selling the system. And we lose local control."

The Bucks County authority argues that its own projected rates would increase at a faster rate than Aqua's in the next decade because it faces about \$250 million in upgrades and repairs. The responsibility for those repairs.

regulators, would shift to a buyer

BCWSA suggests the rate impact would be softened for about 10 years if some of the sale proceeds were used to create a "rate stabilization" fund. The nature and mechanics of such a fund have not been spelled out, and are not part of Aqua's proposed sale agreement.

Some town officials were skeptical about such a fund. Future county commissions would not be obligated to it, said Barry F. Luber, the township manager of Warrington.

"You can't obligate a future elected official, so there's no guarantee that rate stabilization would happen," said Luber, whose township sold its municipal system to BCWSA three years ago for \$16.4 million after rejecting a higher offer from Aqua. He said the township is exploring ways to retake ownership of its system if BCWSA agrees to sell.

'Part of the community'

The Bucks County Association of Township Officials, citing a report that found private water companies charge an average of 85% more than public entities, also expressed "grave concerns" about the sale in a July 15 letter to the Bucks County Commission, the county's governing body.

"We respectfully request the authority continue operating as an independent, non-profit agency, as intended when it was created in 1962 by the Bucks County Commissioners," the local elected officials said in the letter to the county.

Aqua and BCWSA met privately on Monday with municipal officials to explain the deal to local towns. The meeting was cordial, said township and Aqua officials.

Christopher Franklin, the chief executive and chairman of Essential Utilities Inc., Aqua's parent company, said his company suggested setting up Tuesday's event as an open house where the public can mingle with officials rather than engaging in a formal presentation from a stage in an auditorium.

"If you create rows of chairs, and you create an us-and-them situation, that's how a meeting typically goes," he said. "We don't want that. We want to be part of the community. We have been part of this community for over 100 years." Aqua was founded in 1886 in Delaware County.

Food and Water Watch, a national advocacy group opposed to utility privatizations, and a local group, Neighbors Opposing Privatization Efforts, set up informational tables in a hallway outside the event to encourage residents opposed to the sale to organize their neighbors.

decision on Aqua's offer.

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RESOLUTION NO 1573

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SALE OF BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER
AUTHORITY'S ASSETS TO AQUA PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) provides services to about 100,000 households, including those located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County and served by public sewers; and

WHEREAS, BCWSA is considering an offer from Aqua Pennsylvania to purchase its assets for \$1.1 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Aqua's rates are set through rate-making procedures before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), and Aqua has a history of increasing its sewer rates substantially, including in those municipalities that sold their private wastewater systems to Aqua including Limerick Township whose rates increased 82%, East Bradford Township whose rates increased 64%, Cheltenham Township whose rates increased 65%, East Norriton Township whose rates increased 57% and New Garden Township whose rates increased 53%; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019 Aqua offered to purchase the wastewater system owned by Warrington Township for \$40,200,000, and anticipated a rate increase of 66% when Aqua next appeared before the PUC; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019 Warrington Township sold its wastewater system to BCWSA for a base price of \$16,150,000, or less than half of what it could have received from Aqua based on its belief that BCWSA had no intention of selling its system to a private utility; and

WHEREAS, the PUC recently approved a rate increase of 59% for Aqua's wastewater customers; and

WHEREAS, at a time when costs are increasing for all Americans, through no fault of local elected officials, residents can scarcely afford an increase in their sewer fees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, believes it is unconscionable for BCWSA to sell its assets to Aqua due to the long-term financial impacts that major increases to sewer rates will have on residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater services such as those provided by BCWSA are essential to protecting the environment and it is imperative that those services be provided at cost-effective and reasonable fee structures; and

WHEREAS, privatization of BCWSA's assets will ultimately result in negative impacts for local municipalities and their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, is opposed to the sale of BCWSA's assets to Aqua

Pennsylvania, and implores BCWSA to abandon negotiations with Aqua and to continue to operate as an independent, non-profit agency.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, respectfully requests the Bucks County Board of Commissioners to take all reasonable and necessary steps to compel BCWSA to abandon its negotiations, and to continue operating as an independent, non-profit agency, as intended when it was created in 1962 by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

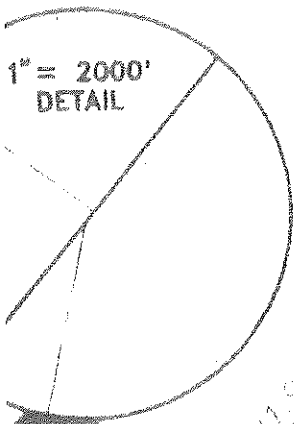
By: _____
Eddie T. Graham, President

Attest: _____
A. Michael Taylor, Secretary

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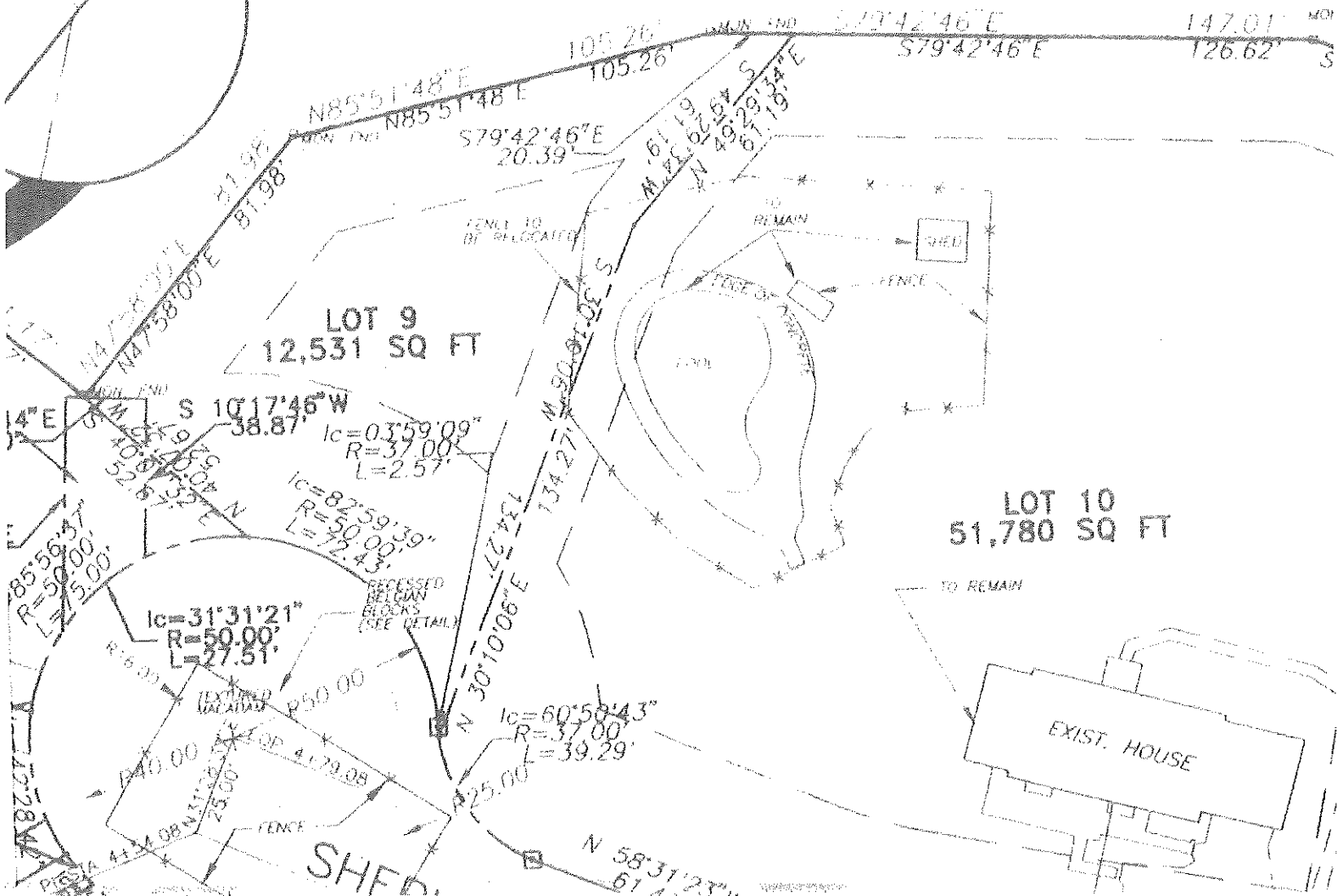
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- 3 LOT BOUNDARIES, BUILDINGS, ROADS, CONTOUR LINES, WOOD LINE AND STREAMS FROM PLAN PREPARED BY CHAMBERS ASSOCIATES, INC CENTER SQUARE, PA 19422, MARCH 22, 1995.
- 4 FINAL GRADING SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPER TO PROVIDE A GRADING PLAN FOR EACH LOT TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
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- 6 THE PROPOSED STREET WILL BE DEDICATED TO SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
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N/F REV. HENRY H. TROTTER, PASTOR
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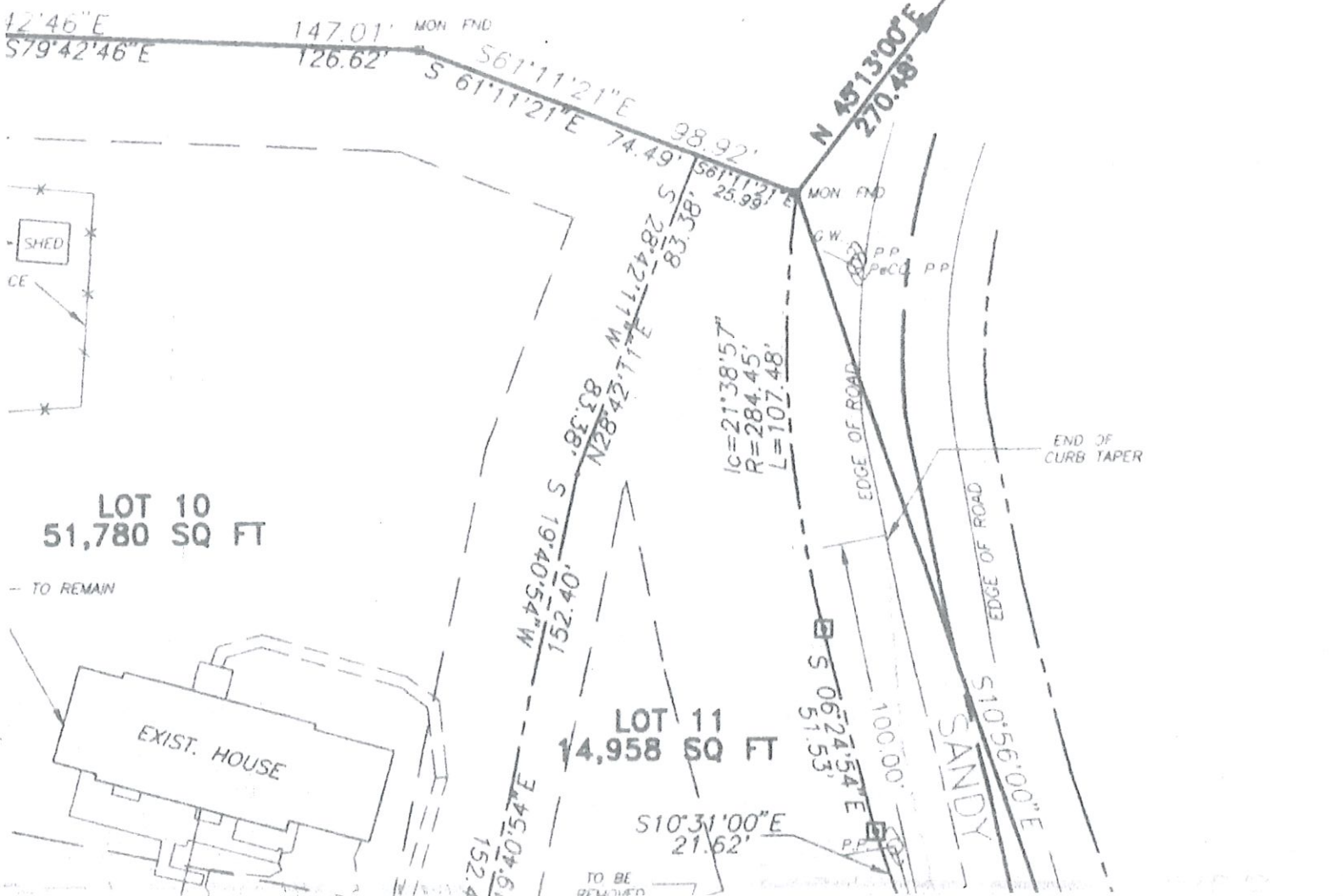


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- 12. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COMPLIANCE WITH O.S.H.A STANDARDS. THE TOWNSHIP, IT'S REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH THESE STANDARDS.
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- 14. THE WETLAND LIMIT SHALL REPRESENT THE BUILDING SETBACK LINE ON LOTS WHERE WETLANDS ARE PRESENT.
- 15. ALL SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND MANHOLES MUST BE TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS
- 16. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING ALL DETENTION/RETENTION BASINS AND OTHER STORMWATER FACILITIES IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION

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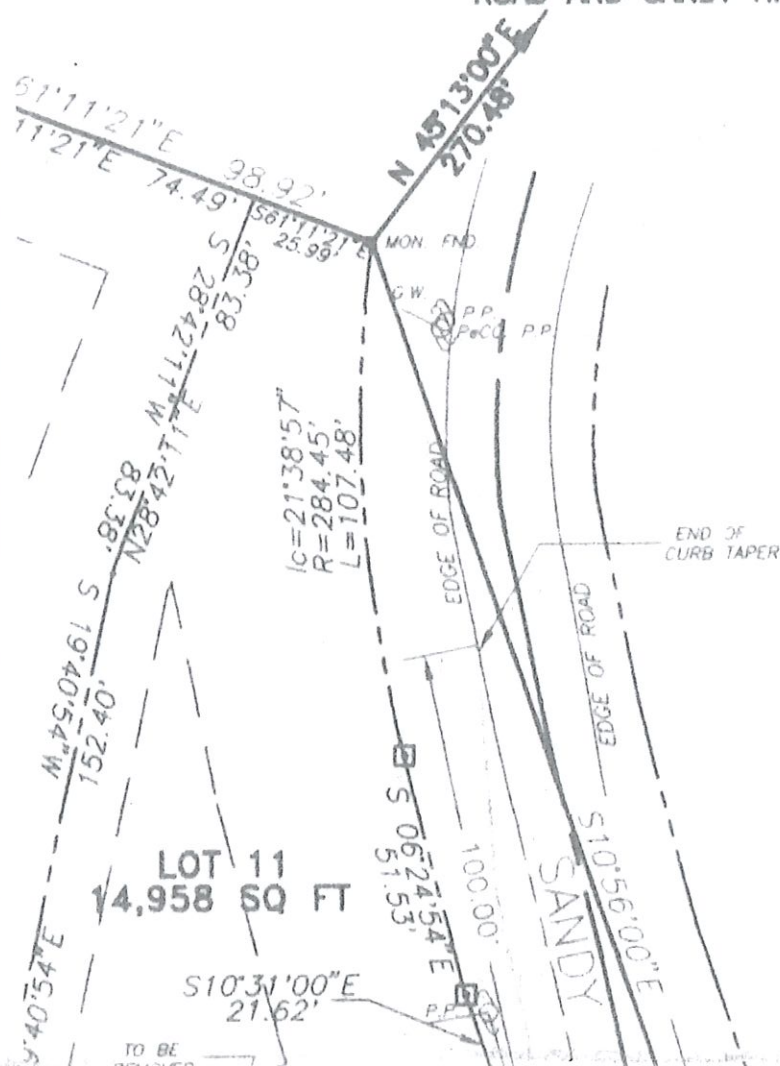
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DAY OF OCTOBER 19

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ITS COMMITTEES

DEFINITIONS

Telecommunications devices: telephone, smartphone, phone, tablet computer, computer, laptop, or other similar device with the minimum required audio capacity.

Majority of the Board: Four (4) Members.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners was authorized pursuant to Act 15 of 2020 to hold public meetings by Zoom electronic platform as long as the Governor declared and extended the health emergency during 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Declaration of the Health Emergency has expired as of May 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code (section 702) also permits virtual attendance of a Commissioner at a Public Meeting of the Board subject to certain requirements and the adoption of a written policy

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township hereby **RESOLVES** as follows, in accordance with the requirements of the First Class Township Code Section 702 (PA ST 53 P.S. § 55702):

1. The Board of Commissioners adopts a telecommunications policy for meetings of the Board and its Committees as set forth herein. This policy provides for the participation of members of the Board in Township meetings by means of telecommunications devices which permit, at a minimum, audio communication between locations where a majority of the members of the Board is physically present at the advertised meeting place within the Township and a quorum is established at the convening or reconvening of the meeting.
2. If a majority of the members of the Board is physically present at the advertised meeting place within the township and a quorum is established at the convening or reconvening of the meeting, and, if, after the convening or reconvening of a meeting, a member of the Board has been disqualified from voting as a matter of law, but is still physically present, members of the Board participating by telecommunication device in accordance with this policy shall be counted to maintain a quorum.
3. The telecommunications device used must permit the member or members of the Board not physically present at the meeting to speak and to hear comments and votes, if any, of the members of the Board who are physically present, as well as other members of the Board who may not be physically present and are also using a telecommunication device to participate in the meeting.
4. The telecommunications device used must permit the members of the Board to speak and hear the comments of the public who are physically present at the meeting.

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5. The telecommunications device used must permit the members of the Board and the members of the public who are physically present at the meeting to speak to and hear the comments and vote, if any, of the member or members of the Board who are not physically present at the meeting.
6. The physical absence of the Board member must be for one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. Exposure to, symptoms of, or a positive test result for COVID, or other highly contagious or transmittal disease;
 - b. Illness or temporary disability of the Board member under a doctor's immediate care;
 - c. Care for the ill or newborn immediate family member of the Board member;
 - d. A medical emergency.
7. To the extent practicable, by no later than noon of the day of the meeting where a member of the Board wishes to participate by telecommunications device, that Board member must notify the Township offices to allow time for staff to set up the required equipment and test it to make sure it meets the minimum requirements of this policy.
8. To the extent practicable, the Board member will inform the Chair or Designated Chair by no later than noon of the day of the meeting so they will be prepared to address the requirements and operation of this policy.
9. At the beginning of the meeting, prior to the transaction of an official business, the Chair or Designated Chair will test the telecommunications device publicly to establish that the minimum requirements of the policy are met and announce on the record that one or more members of the Board will be participating virtually in accordance with this policy.
10. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit a quorum of the Board from meeting via telecommunications device if a local emergency or disaster emergency as defined pursuant to section 7102 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (35 Pa.C.S.A. §7102) has been declared .
11. Any changes to this telecommunications policy shall become effective no sooner than thirty (30) days following the vote to change the policy.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township on _____.

Signature

Printed Name/Title

DRAFT POLICY



**Springfield Township
Zoning Hearing Board
August 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

7:00 P.M. Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Ed Fox; Esq. Chairman, Zoning Hearing Board
Jennifer Guckin, Vice Chair, Zoning Hearing Board Member
Megan McDonough; Esq., Zoning Hearing Board
James Brown; Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member
Kate M. Harper, Esq.; Solicitor, Zoning Hearing Board

Decisions: There are no pending Order & Opinions to render.

New Business:

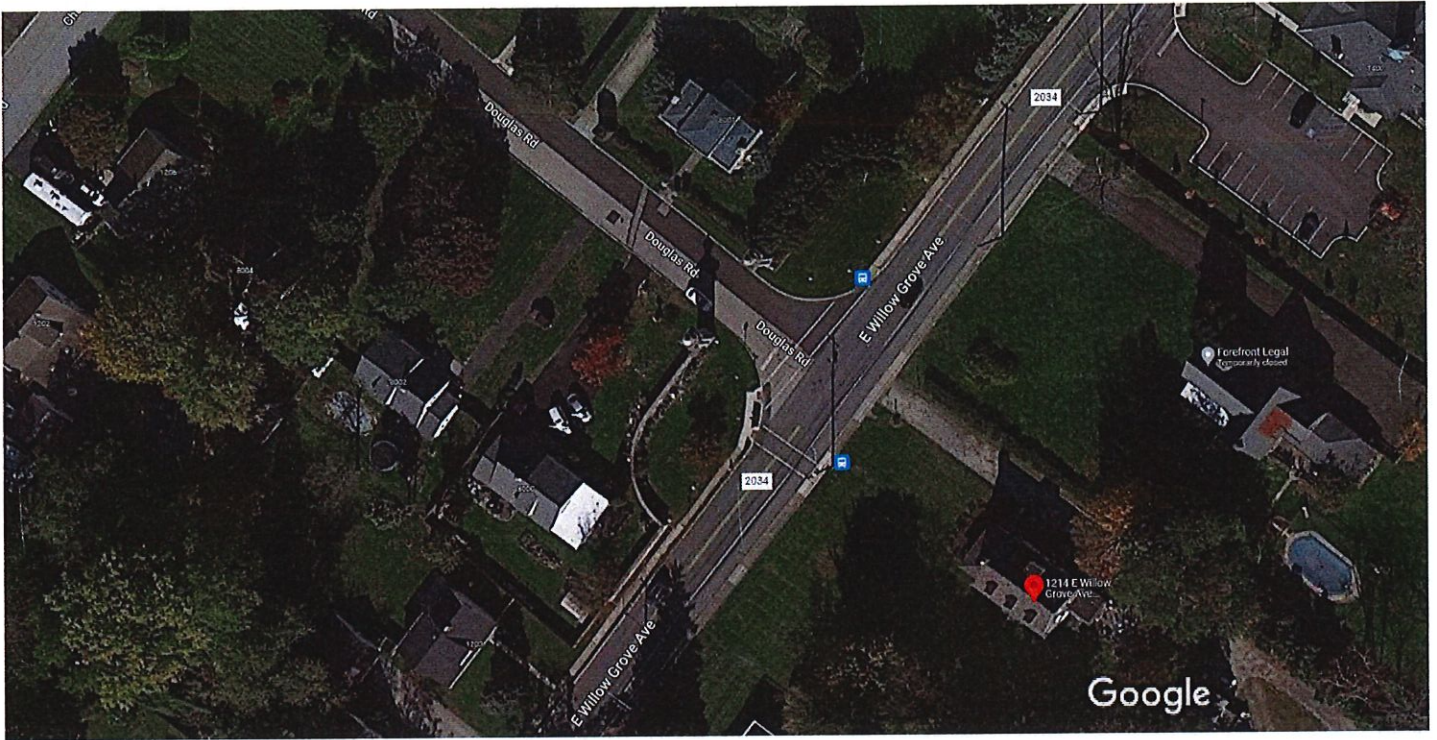
Case #22-16: This is the application of **Cleotomarie, LLC**, owners of the property located at 910 Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038, known as Parcel #5200-1859-2004. The applicant has requested a Special Exception from Section 114-71.D as related to Section 114-91.A and Section 114-81.A of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks approval to redevelop the property for use as medical office space on the first floor and a total of six apartment units on the upper two floors of the proposed new building. The property will comply with all of the coverage and parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned within the B-1 Business District of Ward #5 of Springfield Township.

Case #22-18: This is the application of **Mr. Sanjiv Jain**, owner of the properties located at 40 & 42 Grove Avenue, Flourtown, PA, 19038, known as Parcel #5200-0790-0004 and Parcel #5200-0790-3001. The applicant has requested a revision to a condition of the Zoning Hearing Board approval issued on November 15, 2010 for these two parcels. In November of 2010, the Zoning Hearing Board approved a garage connection between the exist garages on these two properties. A condition was placed on this approval that stated that if one or both of the properties were ever sold, the connective structure would have to be removed. The applicant has requested that

the connective structure remain, since he purchased both properties. The properties are zoned within the C-Residential District of Ward #1 of Springfield Township.

Adjournment:

Note: The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022 with a 7:00 P.M. start time. This meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Administration Building located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038








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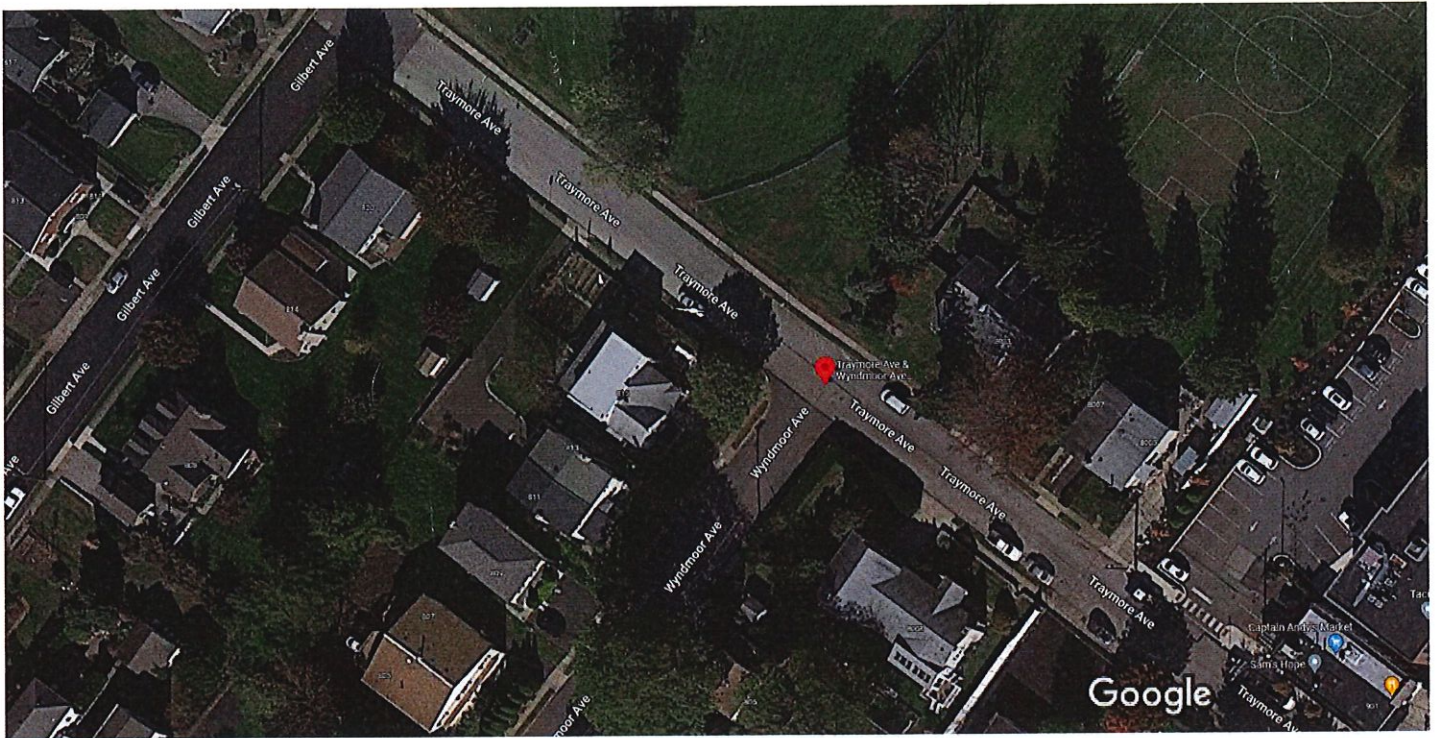


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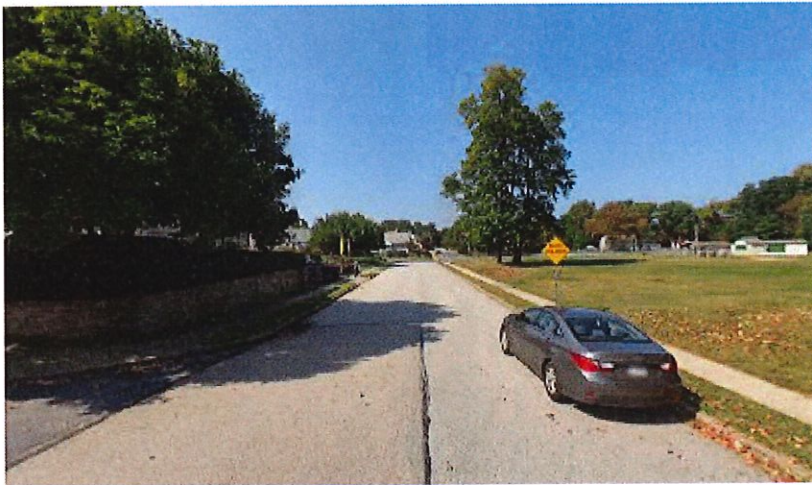
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Traymore Ave & Wyndmoor Ave Intersection

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 Wyndmoor, PA 19038

Photos

Advisory Board Vacancies



Current Vacancies - Updated 7/14/2022

Planning Commission - One (1) Vacancy

There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Springfield Township Planning Commission. The Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on all land development and subdivision applications that are submitted to the Township. The Planning Commission plays an important role in developing the Township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as keeping the Subdivision and Land Development Codes up to date and in compliance with Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - One (1) Vacancy

There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Committee advises the Board of Commissioners on the goals and objectives of the Township's parks and recreation programs and serves as a sounding board for the recreational needs of our residents.

How to Apply

The Board of Commissioners welcomes resumes and letters of interest from residents who wish to serve as volunteer members of township advisory boards and commissions such as the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Advisory Board or Library Board of Directors.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of these committees, **please send a letter of interest or resume to the attention of Mr. Michael Taylor, Township Manager, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 or email mtaylor@springfieldmontco.org**, in order that you may be considered for appointment as openings occur.



Springfield Township Trail Master Plan

Board of Commissioners Business Meeting

August 10th, 2022

Anne Nygard, Planner II

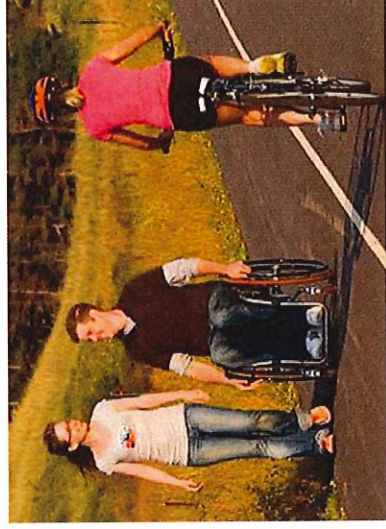
Brian Olszak, Senior Planner





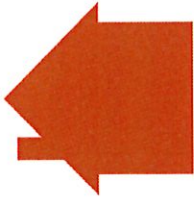
Goals of the Plan

- Identify routes that maximize connectivity between key destinations, including parks, businesses and neighborhoods, in an equitable manner
- Find routes that are safe, inviting, accessible and easy for users of all ages and abilities
- Create list of clear, implementable projects for Township





Benefits of Trails to Residents



Property Values

- National studies have found trail premiums from 5-10% for property values within half a mile of a trail
- Across Montgomery County, homes within ¼ mile of any open space are worth 4.4% more
- Homes within ½ mile of the Green Ribbon Trail are worth 13.5% more



Recreation

- Provide a place for safe, accessible, low-cost recreation
- A robust trail system allows children a safe way to reach friends' homes or schools on their own

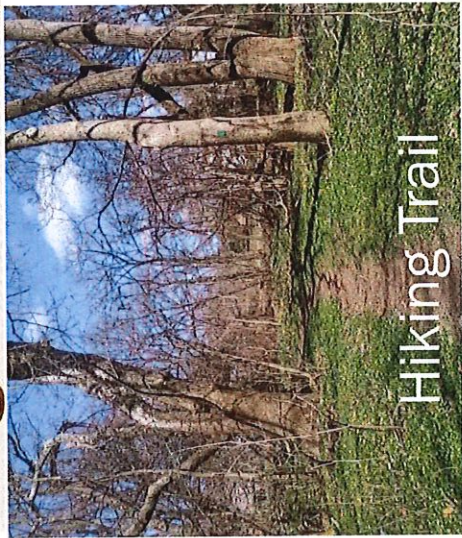


Community

- A robust trail system helps residents reach destinations within the community
- Living in walkable green spaces has been found to have a positive effect on life expectancy
- Trails can become a meeting place for the community



What Is a Trail?



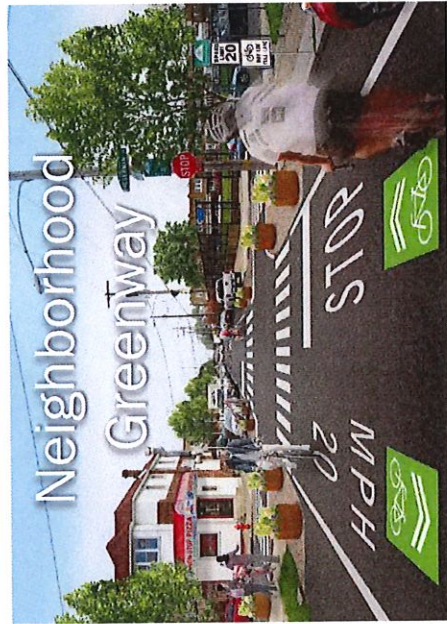
Hiking Trail



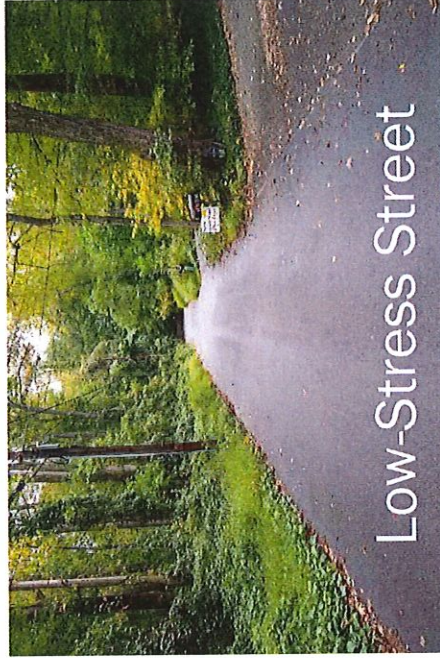
Shared-Use Trail



Bike Lane



Neighborhood Greenway



Low-Stress Street



Task Force Members

Township Commissioners

- Susanna Ratsavong
- Baird Standish
- Jonathan Cobb

Township Staff

- Brandon Ford, Assistant Twp Mgr
- Emily Croke, Parks & Rec Director

Environmental Advisory Committee

- Patrick Hynes

Friends of Cresheim Trail

- Melissa Brookes

Springfield School District

- Neil DiFranco
- Two youth representatives

Planning Commission

- Gerald Quill



Project Team



Anne Nygard

- Community Planner for Springfield Township



Brian Olszak

- Senior Trails and Open Space Planner



Bill Hartman

- Trails and Open Space Manager



Deliverables

Inventory of Existing Trails

- Includes analysis of usage patterns, based on public input
- Trails in Springfield and adjacent municipalities, county trails

Gap Analysis

- Based on location of existing features, key destinations, demographics

List of Recommended Trail Improvements

- Locations where connections could be made to existing or planned trails

Future Trails Map

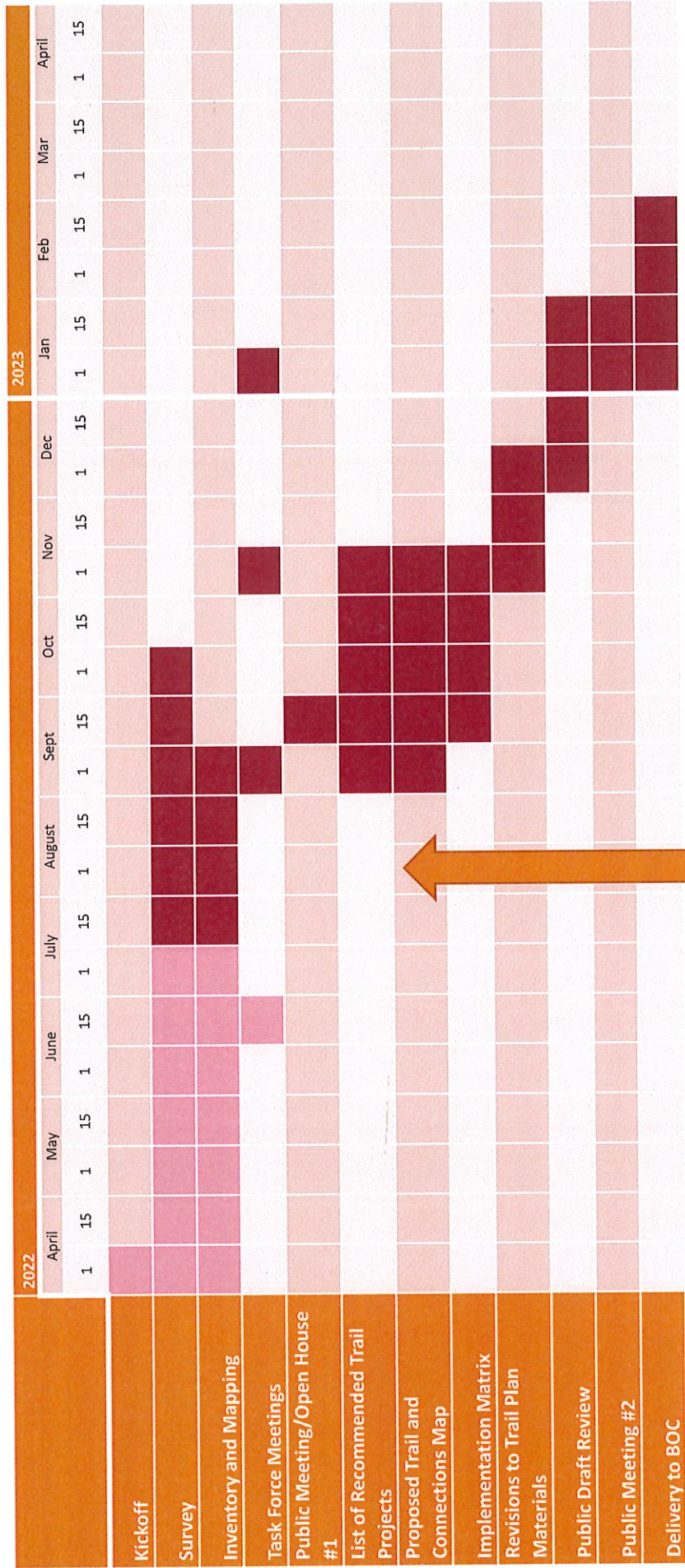
- Depicting the recommended improvements

Implementation Matrix

- Trail recommendations, project phasing, recommended strategies for development, order-of-magnitude cost estimates, potential funding sources



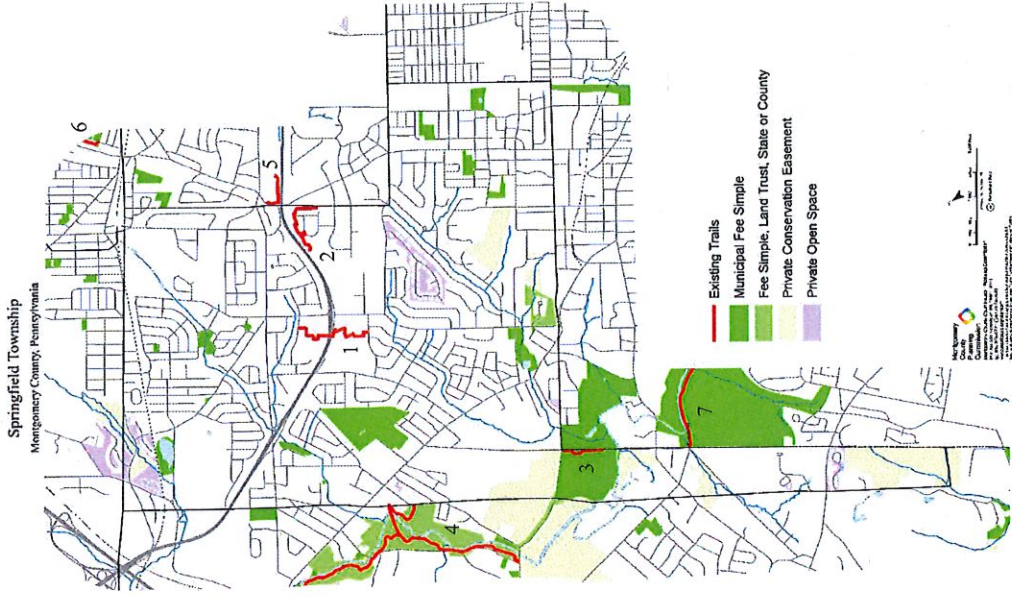
Project Timeline





Existing Trail Inventory

1. **Springfield School Trail**
Paved sidewalks and shared-use trails connecting the high school and the middle school across Fort Washington Expressway via underpass
2. **Section of Cresheim Trail**
Shared-use path constructed as part of recent development off of Willow Grove Avenue and Newbold Lane
3. **Forbidden Drive Trail**
Shared-use path running along Northwestern Avenue on the grounds of the Morris Arboretum
4. **Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail**
Hiking trail in Whitmarsh Township
5. **Tookany Creek Trail**
Shared-use path in Cheltenham Township
6. **Penbryn Park Trail**
Shared-use path in Jenkintown Borough
7. **Forbidden Drive Trail**
Shared-use path in Philadelphia





Existing Trail Inventory

- Parks in Springfield with walking paths
 1. Cisco Park
 2. Sandy Run Park
 3. Pizek Preserve
- Parks in Springfield with planning walking paths
 4. Mermaid Park
 5. Walnut Avenue connection

