

East Norriton Township – Special Meeting
December 9, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis McQuirns, at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the East Norriton Middle School. Supervisors present were Lewis K. McQuirns, Donald J. Gracia, James K. Staufenberg, James J. Serratore and Karen “Kandy” Heckman.

Following roll call, Mr. Gracia offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of tonight’s meeting is to continue the review of the preliminary land development application of Einstein Hospital.

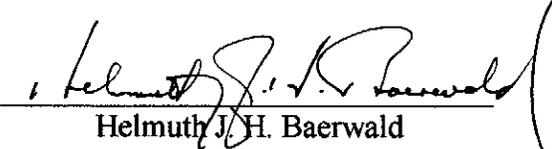
The Chairman asked if anyone had anything new to add to where the meeting on November 19, 2008 left off. Leroy James Watters of 1 East Indian Lane, West Norriton Township expressed concerns with storm water erosion and the stream coming off of Wood’s property draining through the culvert under Germantown Pike. Stu Appel, Landscape Architect for the project reported that there is no stream on the property and reviewed that all open water is directed to this culvert. Mr. Appel reviewed pictures of the three ponds currently located in the site. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road noted that comments made by the Board of Supervisors have shown that they want this hospital. Mrs. Knawby expressed concerns with road improvements to Germantown Pike. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned why are the Board of Supervisors set to back this hospital even though the residents oppose it. Mr. Viglianese asked why it is the Board of Supervisors vs. the residents and asked for the opinions of each supervisor. Mr. Viglianese expressed he has concerns with the potential impact of private wells in the area. Each supervisor responded and provide their own opinions with this project.

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The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Bus Shelter – Shoprite (Developer’s Diversified) – KIMCO. The owner of the Shop Rite Shopping Center has agreed to permit the location of a bus shelter at the corner of the property. The only stipulation is that the owners receive a portion of the advertising revenue which these shelters generate. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the agreement. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed the process for open records requests. Douglas Orth of 3142 Taft Road expressed he does not agree with the claims of the ill-motives by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Orth spoke in support of the Township Supervisors. Patricia Jones of 2932 Sunset Avenue expressed concerns with urban sprawl, with the polluting of the streams and requested an independent environmental study be performed by the Township. Ms. Jones questioned why Einstein is not staying in Norristown.

Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.


Helmuth J. H. Baerwald
Secretary

