

**East Vincent Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023 7:00 PM**

Chairman Austin Hodge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance were: Nicole Keegan, Member; Chris Orzechowski, Member; Rachael Griffith, Secretary; Nev Lynch, Member; Bill Hoffman, Member; Cindy VanHise, Engineer; and Catherine Ricardo, Township Manager. Rocky Roeger, Vice-Chairman was absent.

1. Minutes of January 17, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved: A. Hodge

Second: N. Lynch

Vote: Unanimous

2. Reports:

The Engineer's Report and Board of Supervisors minutes were received. No action was taken.

3. Old Business:

A. PA American Water Co. – Lock 57 Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Final SDDL

**Present: Joseph Catuzzi, Attorney for PA American Water
Roger Phillips, Engineer**

A. Hodge stated that the Township received a Preliminary/Final SDDL Application to construct a 50,879 square foot water treatment plant with sixteen (16) parking spaces, loading area, and two (2) water storage lagoons at the Brown Drive lot, a 22.46-acre (gross) parcel situated at the southwest corner of Brown Drive and Pennhurst Road. A. Hodge stated that demolition of an existing garage for construction of a 4,091 square foot Raw Water Pumping Station with an expanded access driveway at the Shady Lane Lot, an 11.8-acre (gross) irregular parcel which fronts on Brown Drive but is accessed via Shady Lane which terminates within the northwest portion of the site. A. Hodge stated that installation of piping infrastructure for new water intakes to be located at the southern banks of the Schuylkill River lot, a 10.42-acre (gross) parcel situated between the Schuylkill River and the Schuylkill River Trail. A. Hodge stated that this lot contains a special flood hazard area and wetlands, and no buildings are proposed at this time. J. Catuzzi stated that the current treatment plant has reached its shelf life and needs to be replaced. J. Catuzzi stated that they are exempt from Zoning. R. Phillips stated that the existing plant is right along the Schuylkill Trail. R. Griffith asked R. Phillips to describe how the treatment plant works. R. Phillips described how the treatment plant works and where the water is pumped. R. Phillips stated that the water that comes off the Schuylkill is not 'hard' water. R. Griffith asked what is existing and what will remain on the Shady Lane parcel. R. Phillips stated that everything on the Shady Lane parcel will be demolished once the new facility is complete. R. Phillips stated that this is a solid 2-year construction process. R. Griffith asked if the bridge that is listed on the plans is proposed or existing. R. Phillips stated that the bridge is existing. A. Hodge asked how many of the engineer's comments are they going to be able to incorporate? R. Phillips stated that they should be able to incorporate them all. R. Phillips stated there is a row of trees and existing buffer along the left of the property, and C. VanHise suggested enlarging that buffer. R. Phillips stated that there is no capacity in the sewer treatment plant for this facility, and they only need 3 EDUs so they requested that DEP evaluate if they are able to have those 3 EDUs.

Public Comment:

- Steve Hacker of Brown Drive – S. Hacker stated that it appears the pipe is going to go up towards the power lines, is that correct? R. Phillips stated that there is currently three going up to that location. S. Hacker asked what percentage of water comes from the wells and the river. R. Phillips stated that 95% comes from the river and 10% comes from the wells.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Moved: A. Hodge

Second: N. Lynch

Vote: Unanimous