

#### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The members present were as follows:

#### ATTENDANCE:

John Paul, Chairperson; Gerald Anderson, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary; Michael W. Lamond, Jr., Assistant Secretary; and Paul Plotnick, Member. Staff Present were Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor; Richard Wieland, P.E., Township Engineer; and Vivian Bell, Finance Director.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mr. Casey said there was no executive session report.

#### APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

#### 1. June 28, 2011 to July 12, 2011 - \$753,739.38

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to approve the bill list from 6/28/11 to 7/12/11 totaling \$753,739.38. This motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### 2. May 10, 2011

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the May 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

#### 3. May 24, 2011

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the May 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Lamond abstained.

#### 4. June 14, 2011

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

#### MINUTES FOR POSTING:

#### 5. June 28, 2011

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the posting of the minutes of the June 28, 2011 Meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mike Kelly of 135 Muirfield Lane inquired about TEVA's assignment of its pending land development application to Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc.

Joe Stryjewski of 502 Hanley Court commented on the Katz bankruptcy and the status of escrow monies being held for Lamplighter Village.

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. To discuss and consider a conditional use application by Penrose Walk (formerly Sunrise Court Associates, LP) to allow the property to be developed with a two family semi-detached dwelling cluster development. This is a conditional use requirement under Section 803 (a) of the Warrington Township Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 27) as amended.

The full edited transcript of this public hearing is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

#### 7. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Tieperman highlighted the following bulleted items in his report:

#### a. Consent Item: RFP for Custody Services

Mr. Plotnick motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to approve the selection of TD Ameritrade as custodian for the Warrington Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans with the provision that Board receive proof of all steps that were taken to make sure we're in compliance with Act 44 to be provided by our Plan Administrator. The motion passed unanimously. [Attachment B includes a copy of the RFP background materials utilized by the Township's pension advisor.]

#### 8. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

#### a. Road Improvements Program

Mr. Wieland reported that the bid opening for the 2011 Road Improvement Program is scheduled for July 29 at 10:00 a.m. Bid results will be prepared for the Board's consideration at its August 9, 2011 program.

#### NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

## 9. <u>Ted Dorand, External Affairs Manager from PECO/Bucks County to present the Green Region Open Space Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Dempsey property acquisition.</u>

Mr. Ted Dorand, External Affairs Manager from PECO/Bucks County, presented to the Board a facsimile check of \$10,000 from PECO's Green Region Open Space Grant. This grant will go toward defraying the Township's acquisition cost for the 7-acre Dempsey Tract.

## 10. Review and consider proposed remedy to address the Pickertown sight distance issue and provide a definitive update on the alternative access route for the Garges Farm.

As a result of the Board's discussion with the Arbor Ridge residents at their June 28, 2011 meeting, Mr. Tieperman sent a letter to Victory Garden's counsel, Herbert Sudfeld, legal counsel to prepare definitive plans and timelines to resolve the Pickertown Road sight distance as well as a secondary access onto Folly and Bristol Roads.

Regarding the sight distance issue, Mr. Sudfeld reported that Victory Gardens has employed Gilmore & Associates to prepare some design alternatives to improve the turning radius onto Pickertown Road. They are actively sharing these design plans with the Township Engineer and incorporating his feedback into a final alternative. The goal is to facilitate an increased turning radius onto Pickertown without crossing the yellow line. Additionally, he stated that there will be some clearing on Pickertown's left side to improve the sight distance.

Mr. Wieland confirmed that CEC has asked for additional detail for the construction widening for the right turn movement. He has also asked for detail plans for improving the access to Folly Road.

During this design work, Sudfeld stated the Victory Gardens is recommending a traffic pattern plan for the truck traffic, which would essentially remove the trucks from Pickertown Road between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and again between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. During these times trucks will be diverted to the Folly Road exit, then onto the signalized intersection at Bristol Road, where they will turn right to access Route 611.

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Victory Gardens is suggesting that truck traffic be allowed back onto Pickertown. After 6:00 p.m., only Victory Garden employees would be permitted to use this access. Mr. Sudfeld stated that during the busy mulching season, Mike Butler will try and disperse his trucks so that they do not depart at concentrated times.

Mr. Anderson inquired whether any consideration was given to a one-entrance in, one-exit out solution, whereby trucks would enter Pickertown and exit onto Folly, thereby dispersing the traffic volume on Pickertown Road. He inquired further about a permanent access onto Bristol Road.

Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Sudfeld had considered if one entrance was made in and one entrance was made for going out of the site. He said by doing that you are actually cutting the traffic in half and eliminating the stacking of trucks. He would like to explore the idea of using the entrance off of Bristol Road and asked that he check this out with Gilmore & Associates.

Mr. John McConnell (206 Trellis Drive) still wanted to know the number of trucks that would be using the Pickertown Road entrance. Mr. Sudfeld said 15-20 tractor trailer and/or dump trucks leave the site in the morning hours between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.

Mr. Paul asked Mr. Sudfeld to investigate also a pull-off area to relieve some of the traffic congestion on Pickertown Road. Mr. Sudfeld agreed to investigate where pull-offs could be implemented and would confer with Mr. Wieland. He anticipated that all these options should be ready for the Board's review and consideration at its August 9, 2011 Board meeting. He agreed to keep Mr. Tieperman apprised as to its progress.

Mr. Casey asked if the suggested changes made tonight by Mr. Sudfeld were going to go into effect immediately. Mr. Sudfel expected these changes to be fully implemented within 60 days.

## 11. Review and consider Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Polysciences, Inc., located at 400 Valley Road.

Mr. Steve Harris, attorney for the applicant Polysciences, Inc., reviewed the proposed preliminary/final land development plan for Polysciences, Inc., located at 400 Valley Road.

Mr. Harris introduced Garret Cook, EIT with Newton Engineering Group, PC. The 7.01 acres site is located in the PI-1 Planned Industrial Zoning District. The existing 51,328 sq. ft. building located on the property was constructed in 1968 and expanded in 1983. He said Polysciences is proposing to expand the existing building by constructing a 9,067 sq. ft. addition to the front of the building.

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach to approve the resolution for the preliminary/final land development plan for Polysciences, Inc., located at 400 Valley Road with the one revision that the applicant has agreed to send out a notification letter to residents along Valley Road about this project. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

#### Philadelphia Avenue Park

Mr. Lamond asked about moving the existing park on Philadelphia Avenue because of ongoing problems with sewage after major downpours in this neighborhood. Mr. Paul responded that when funding becomes available in the foreseeable future this project can move forward.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Edited and Reviewed By:

Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager

# ATTACHMENT "A"

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Conditional Use Application by Penrose Walk (formerly Sunrise Court Associates, LLP)

A Board of Supervisors Meeting was held at Warrington Township on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at the Warrington Township Administration Building located at 852 Easton Road Warrington, Pennsylvania commencing at 7:30 p.m.

JOHN R. PAUL, CHAIRMAN

GERALD B. ANDERSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

MARIANNE ACHENBACH, SECRETARY

MICHAEL LAMOND, JR, MEMBER

PAUL PLOTNICK, MEMBER

ALSO APPEARING:

WILLIAM CASEY, ESQUIRE, BOARD SOLICITOR RICHARD WIELAND, ENGINEER

TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN, MANAGER

Blum-Moore Reporting Services, Inc. 350 S. Main Street, Ste. 203
Doylestown, Pa. 18901

#### APPEARANCES:

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Warrington, Pa. 18976
Representing the Applicant

CLEMONS, RICHTER & REISS

TERRY W. CLEMONS, ESQUIRE

107 East Oakland Avenue

Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Representing Villas at

Lamplighter Village Condominiums

Blum-Moore Reporting Services, Inc.

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- 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Next is the public hearing
- 2 to discuss or to consider the conditional use
- 3 application for Penrose Walk formally Sunrise Court
- 4 Associates, LLP to allow a property to be developed
- 5 with two family semi-detached dwelling cluster
- 6 development. This conditional use requirement under
- 7 Section 803.a of the Warrington Township zoning
- 8 ordinance Chapter 27 as amended. Mr. Casey, will
- 9 you please give us the parameters of a conditional
- 10 use, please.
- MR. SOLICITOR: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The
- 12 conditional use provided for in the ordinance, the
- 13 board is authorized to listen to evidence and
- 14 testimony regarding this application according to a
- 15 list of criteria standards set forth in the
- 16 ordinance. It is like any other public hearing a
- 17 person can elect to become a party of record if they
- 18 choose. And a party of record will be allowed to
- 19 cross examine witnesses to offer testimony on their
- 20 own. But it is important to remember that any
- 21 citizen at the end of the hearing is permitted to
- 22 make a statement, you don't have to be a party to
- 23 make a statement. Party of record becomes a
- 24 participant in the hearing. The board of
- 25 supervisors acts as a court in this case, listens to

- 1 the testimony and then makes a decision, findings of
- 2 fact, conclusions of law whether or not they believe
- 3 the applicant has complied with the criteria in the
- 4 ordinance.
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Casey. And
- 6 with that I will ask for a motion to adjourn the
- 7 regular meeting.
- 8 MR. ANDERSON: So moved.
- 9 MR. PLOTNICK: Second.
- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and
- 11 seconded. All members in favor say, Aye.
- MR. ANDERSON: Aye.
- MR. PLOTNICK: Aye.
- 14 MS. ACHENBACH: Aye
- MR. LAMOND, JR.: Aye.
- 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. Unanimous. I will
- 17 start the meeting for the conditional use hearing.
- 18 MR. SOLICITOR: We have had this hearing
- 19 properly advertised.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Okay. We have
- 21 the applicants here. First of all you have to swear
- 22 in the applicants.
- MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: Mr. Chairman, if I
- 24 could first my name is Robert Gundlach, I am the
- 25 counsel for the applicant Sunrise Court Associates

- 1 who is here before you this evening to request
- 2 conditional use approval for a proposed two family
- 3 semi-detached cluster development in the R-2 zoning
- 4 district. If I can introduce the witnesses and I
- 5 can have them all sworn, if you all would come over.
- 6 MR. SOLICITOR: Mr. Gundlach, before we
- 7 begin let's see if there is anyone who wants to be a
- 8 party of record.
- 9 MR. CLEMONS: Thank you, Mr. Casey. My
- 10 name is Terry Clemons, I am an attorney in
- 11 Doylestown. I am here representing the board of
- 12 directors of the Villas at Lamplighter Village
- 13 Condominiums Association which is an association of
- 14 homeowners abutting the property that is the subject
- of this application in which I believe has the
- 16 record standing to be a party.
- 17 MR. SOLICITOR: Is the board of directors
- 18 here with you?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes, they are.
- MR. SOLICITOR: Thank you.
- 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else wish to
- 22 be a party of record? Seeing none, you can
- 23 continue, Mr. Gundlach.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Mr. Chairman, if I call my
- 25 first witness?

- 1 MR. CLEMONS: Just as a point of
- 2 procedure, I noticed that Mr. Gundlach has his
- 3 engineering witness sitting next to him. Our review
- 4 of the record did not indicate that any documents
- 5 had been filed with the application that gave
- 6 evidence to the Sunrise Court Associates has the
- 7 standing to file this conditional use application.
- 8 May be Mr. Gundlach is going to represent that he
- 9 has got some documents with that evidence, without
- 10 that the proceeding shouldn't go forward.
- MR. SOLICITOR: Are you speaking about
- 12 ownership, that issue?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes.
- 14 MR. SOLICITOR: Mr. Gundlach will address
- 15 that.
- 16 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I will address that.
- 17 The applicant is the equitable owner of the subject
- 18 property under any agreement of sale with the Cohen
- 19 familiar and they are represented by attorney Smith
- 20 from Steve Harris's office here in Warrington. We
- 21 did submit an agreement of sale with our application
- 22 along with additional documentation and certainly
- 23 have a principal of the applicant here to present,
- 24 if need be, to further confirm the standing.
- MR. SOLICITOR: Are we going to offer the

- 1 application as an exhibit?
- 2 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: Yes. If I could, I
- 3 have premarked a list of exhibits based upon the
- 4 seven exhibits that's been already submitted and
- 5 marked those as T-1 through T-7. They have already
- 6 been submitted to the township with the application.
- 7 And then I have marked our next six exhibits on the
- 8 list here just for reference purposes. With what
- 9 background, Mr. Chairman, I call the first witness
- 10 Mr. Samuel Costanzo.
- 11
- 12 SAMUEL COSTANZO, after having been
- 13 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows
- 14
- 15 Direct Examination
- 16 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 17 Q Mr. Costanzo, what is your occupation?
- 18 A I am a civil engineer.
- 19 Q And what is your educational background?
- 20 A I am a 1984 graduate of Lafayette College
- 21 with a bachelor of science in civil engineering and
- 22 bachelor of arts in business economics.
- 23 Q How long have you been a civil engineer?
- 24 A Licensed since 1989.
- 25 Q You are licensed in the state of

- 1 Pennsylvania?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And where are you currently employed?
- 4 A Van Cleef Engineering Associates in
- 5 Doylestown.
- 6 Q How long have you been at that firm?
- 7 A 27 years.
- 8 Q And what is your position at Van Cleef?
- 9 A I am a partner.
- 10 Q And could you generally describe the type
- 11 of clients that Van Cleef represents and the type of
- 12 work that you personally perform for these clients?
- 13 A Any applicant or landowner looking to
- 14 essentially put a shovel in the ground and do some
- 15 form of land development or subdivision we do at the
- 16 Doylestown office work in different counties in
- 17 Southeastern Pennsylvania, predominately Bucks,
- 18 Montgomery, Berks, Chester, Northampton, Lehigh and
- 19 some Philly. We do residential, commercial,
- 20 industrial, institutional type of developments.
- 21 Most of our Doylestown workload is probably, I'd
- 22 say, 60 percent is Bucks County. We provide
- 23 services in services on almost all of except for may
- 24 be four of the 50-some municipalities.
- 25 Residentially we do quite a great deal of

- 1 that in the form of single families, multi-families,
- 2 age qualified, T and Ds, TODs, transferable
- 3 development rights, land provision, subdivisions,
- 4 golf course residential communities, mid-rise, a
- 5 whole host of residential.
- 6 Q And does this experience include both land
- 7 planning and engineering work in connection with new
- 8 residential housing developments?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And have you worked previously in
- 11 Warrington Township?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q How about the municipalities surrounding
- 14 Warrington Township?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I'd like to mark as
- 17 A-1 Mr. Costanzo's CV.
- 18 (Exhibit A-1, was marked for identification.)
- 19 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 20 O Is this CV, Mr. Costanzo's accurately
- 21 reflect your credentials in the field of land
- 22 planning and civil engineering?
- 23 A Yes.
- MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I'd offer Mr. Costanzo
- 25 as an expert in the field of land planning and

- 1 engineering specifically for residential communities
- 2 similar to the application pending before this
- 3 board.
- 4 MR. SOLICITOR: Any objection?
- 5 MR. CLEMONS: No objection.
- 6 MR. SOLICITOR: He is accepted.
- 7 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 8 Q Mr. Costanzo, are you familiar with the
- 9 subject property in the area surrounding the
- 10 property?
- 11 A Yes, I am.
- 12 Q Could you please describe the current
- 13 condition of the property and the surrounding area
- 14 and if need be reference to the existing features
- 15 plan which is part of the conditional use plan set?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Why don't we start with the area
- 18 surrounding the subject property in terms of the
- 19 roadways and the adjacent uses and then focus on the
- 20 conditions of the existing property.
- 21 A Sure. Would the Board like me to put up
- 22 the existing feature plan?
- MR. PLOTNICK: Yes.
- MR. GUNDLACH: The plan being referenced
- 25 by Mr. Costanzo, for the record, is one of four

- 1 sheets from the plan set that we have marked as
- 2 Exhibit T-4.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: Which sheet would that be?
- THE WITNESS: Sheet two of four. Well,
- 5 the subject property is essential centrally located
- 6 on this board sheet A, sheet two of four. It is
- 7 essentially vacant land compromised of three parcels
- 8 of land, tax parcels, two on the south side of
- 9 Street Road, one on the north side of Street Road,
- 10 this being south. Up at the top the page you have
- 11 Phillips Avenue, at the bottom of the property in
- 12 question you have Bradford. Centrally in the middle
- 13 is Street Road. Driving by this property you would
- 14 be able to see a structure off of Street Road having
- 15 driveway access, that is a vacant structure today
- 16 and in very poor condition without the buildings to
- 17 the rear you probably couldn't see those from street
- 18 view.
- 19 Driving down Bradford or Phillips you would
- 20 look at this site and see that it is a well tree
- 21 site on the south side, on the north side you would
- 22 also see a tree site but also a gap in the center of
- 23 the property's frontage with Street Road. The
- 24 surrounding area to the south is essentially
- 25 residential in the form of capes and ranchers and a

- 1 mixture of different housing types that look to have
- 2 occurred over a period of time. There are some
- 3 colonials more towards the deeper south. Directly
- 4 to the southwesterly tract boundary line it butts up
- 5 against Lamplighter which is an age quantified
- 6 having a significant density of four units to the
- 7 acre. To the north side of Phillip Avenue
- 8 essentially is the same type of tract of land of
- 9 ground you see with this side. Across Street Road
- 10 you have Fairways Golf and Country Club golf course
- 11 residential community. At the corner of Street and
- 12 Phillips Road you have a synagogue and an active one
- and essentially that characterizes the site.
- 14 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 15 Q Let me refer you now, Mr. Costanzo, to
- 16 sheet three from that same plan set which is the
- 17 aerial plan. If you could put that on the easel and
- 18 orient the board of the same features and any
- 19 additional items you would like to highlight on that
- 20 plan set.
- 21 A The sheet three of four in the plan set
- 22 was really put together as a means of showing.
- 23 MR. ANDERSON: What's the date on the
- 24 aerial?
- 25 THE WITNESS: Our plan is dated May 20,

- 1 2011.
- 2 MR. ANDERSON: Do you know when the aerial
- 3 was actually done?
- 4 THE WITNESS: This was downloaded from the
- 5 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, it is
- 6 probably 2005 vintage, they upgrade every five
- 7 years. I don't think we have access to their 2010.
- 8 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: So we have more updated ones
- 10 as we recently had the property flown by aerial
- 11 topography. But this is a good representation of
- 12 what is there today. What's in yellow on this plan
- 13 the line work is the representation of our proposed
- 14 cluster superimposed on the aerial. Obviously the
- 15 grade areas on both sides are depicting deciduous
- 16 trees. In the center you can probably see a darker
- 17 green that is representative of some evergreen
- 18 trees. So it is an aerial image. You can see the
- 19 golf course, some of the golf course features.
- 20 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR:
- 21 Q Let me now refer you to sheet one from the
- 22 plan set which is titled, Conditional use plan
- 23 depicting the improvements that have been proposed
- 24 for this property. And I would ask you to generally
- 25 describe the improvements that is shown on this plan

- 1 and is proposed by the applicant for development on
- 2 the site.
- 3 A Sheet one of four entitled, conditional
- 4 use plan, is a depiction of the proposed two family
- 5 semi detached development in the cluster option -- I
- 6 am sorry the rest of your question?
- 7 Q Can you just generally describe the layout
- 8 of the proposed improvements and explain to the
- 9 board how you laid it out in the matter that is
- 10 depicted on this plan sheet?
- 11 A Well, what you are looking at today
- 12 happens to be plans that have a completed boundary
- 13 and topographic survey. When we originally
- 14 submitted it was a composite of aerial mapping and
- 15 imagery and tax map, all information that you can
- 16 download today and put together a composite of a
- 17 property and do a feasibility of what its potential
- 18 may be. And that's what we originally filed with
- 19 sketch plans, configurations based upon those aerial
- 20 imageries put into composite form. Since that time
- 21 we were in the process of doing the survey, we
- 22 completed it and new sheet were submitted as part of
- 23 the conditional use application and this depicts our
- 24 boundary and topographic survey. When you are
- 25 asking or starting out on a job we look at all of

- 1 those natural resource inventory of what might be
- 2 characterized as woodland, what might be
- 3 characterized as floodplain examining the flood
- 4 insurance rate maps and there is a stream just off
- 5 site, a tributary to the little Neshaminy on the
- 6 north side of the property running through Fairways
- 7 Golf and Country. And it has a floodplain
- 8 associated with that. This plan depicts that with
- 9 proper elevation. We had early on Nova as a wetland
- 10 consultant preliminary evaluate the property
- 11 relative to wetlands under waters that are present
- 12 on the property. And since that time with this plan
- 13 he completed his study and it is a depiction of the
- 14 actual flagging that was field located. All the
- 15 wetlands and the waters exist on the northern
- 16 portion of the tract. So in answering your question
- 17 we take a compilation of the resources woodlands,
- 18 steep slopes, floodplain, wetlands, waters, those
- 19 types of features are regulated by the township. We
- 20 look at those. We look at the surrounding area.
- 21 You can see a lot of paper streets that have been
- 22 platted over years and years ago on the other side
- 23 of Phillips Road, the northern side of Phillips
- 24 Road. A few of those originally appeared on our
- 25 site as well. So it was giving us a starting point

- 1 for possibly a road configuration. We had computed
- 2 with some of our own intuitive land planning means
- 3 of determining what could be a possible yield. And
- 4 by trial and error you start to create a plan with
- 5 the envision of complying with natural resources,
- 6 being compliant with the area and dimensional area
- 7 requirements of the zoning. Looking at the street
- 8 frontages, access, availability to the sewer and
- 9 water and other utilities.
- 10 Looking at water sheds on the property a
- 11 good portion of this property, while it's all in the
- 12 little Neshaminy creek water shed, the northern part
- 13 drains through the golf course but ultimately comes
- 14 back around to the Bradford reservoir dam that is
- 15 right behind Lamplighter probably three quarters of
- 16 the property where you see our development drains in
- 17 that direction, not immediately directly into
- 18 Lamplighter there is a parcel that at first drains
- 19 to that. That's where the waters drain today
- 20 surface water runoff. We look at that, we
- 21 preliminarily size storm water management facilities
- 22 then we proceed with doing a layout trying to create
- 23 open space and that's what you see here. The
- 24 proposed roads, there are two proposed roads
- 25 connecting Phillips Avenue to Bradford they are

- 1 50-foot right of ways, a 26-foot cartway, curbed
- 2 roads, sidewalk is being proposed on one side, may
- 3 be a discussion item before the Board in the
- 4 subdivision application process or maybe this
- 5 evening. Phillips Road has sidewalk on the opposite
- 6 side of our road frontage. There are some street
- 7 trees more of your historic looking lamppost down
- 8 the road. That road has not yet received its
- 9 wearing course, it seems to be somewhat incomplete.
- 10 You can tell by -- it is difficult to tell
- 11 on this plan at this scale but we have surveyed and
- 12 located Phillips Roads as it was constructed and
- 13 even based and examined the Shoemaker plans that he
- 14 was the engineer for Lamplighter of how the roadway
- 15 actually has a curve to it that swerves into the
- 16 Cohen tract which is also the current owner by deed
- 17 of this tract of ground. So there was an envision
- 18 it looked like to improve Phillips Road with a
- 19 sidewalk on one side, the opposite side, as the curb
- 20 line on our line is very close to your right-of-way
- 21 that was created for it. There was a few
- 22 reiterations that lead to this product in the end.
- 23 Q And as part of those reiterations did the
- 24 applicant meet with the residence in the Lamplighter
- 25 community specifically the Board of Directors to

- 1 hear their concerns and did you attempt to address
- 2 those concerns in the plan revisions that were
- 3 submitted back to the township?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q How did you try to do that?
- 6 A Well in the early version I did put those
- 7 on board.
- 8 Q You can just generally describe them.
- 9 A We had a few more houses having direct
- 10 driveway access to Phillips, can't exactly recall if
- 11 we had more depicting on Bradshaw. There was
- 12 concern with, I believe, buffering along the
- 13 Lamplighter side of the property, something that we
- 14 may not have clearly depicted early on. Our
- 15 evaluation early on was that Lamplighter also had a
- 16 30-foot wide buffer required and we saw no 30-foot
- 17 landscape buffer along our tract boundary and may
- 18 not have felt it was going to be required on our
- 19 side. But since that time our plan is respectful of
- 20 that buffer and proposed to create that buffer and
- 21 maintain that buffer.
- 22 Q Now, Mr. Costanzo, are you familiar with
- 23 the Warrington Township zoning ordinance and the
- 24 township comprehensive plan and the township
- 25 subdivision and land development ordinances?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And did you review these documents in
- 3 connection with the design as depicted on these plan
- 4 sheets?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And did you attempt to design this project
- 7 to comply with all of the zoning regulations in the
- 8 R-2 district and otherwise set forth in the township
- 9 zoning ordinance?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Let me review some of those requirements
- 12 with you for conditional use approval to confirm
- 13 compliance with each and every one. Is both public
- 14 water and public sewer proposed to service these
- 15 homes?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Has the proposed development been reviewed
- 18 by the township planning commission?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q That was a meeting back on January 6,
- 21 2011?
- 22 A Yes, my birthday.
- 23 Q Comments were received from the planning
- 24 commission that also were incorporated into revised
- 25 plans?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q What is the minimum gross site area
- 3 required for a two family semi-detached cluster
- 4 development under the zoning ordinance?
- 5 A Ten.
- 6 Q What does this property have?
- 7 A Thirty-one.
- 8 Q Thirty-one acres?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Does the total number of dwelling units
- 11 proposed for this project exceed the number of
- dwelling units permitted under Section 8052 of the
- 13 zoning ordinance?
- MR. CLEMONS: I object.
- MR. GUNDLACH, JR: I will restate the
- 16 question.
- 17 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR:
- 18 Q Does the zoning ordinance require you to
- 19 perform a by-right calculation to determine density
- 20 vield?
- 21 A It has language suggesting that the
- 22 density shall not exceed that which would be platted
- 23 by using the area and dimensional requirements of a
- 24 by-right cluster.
- 25 Q And that section of the ordinance refers

- 1 you back to Section 8052 to perform that calculation
- 2 --
- 3 A Excuse me I said the by-right cluster,
- 4 by-right two family semi detached units as opposed
- 5 to by-right cluster.
- 6 Q And I specifically refer you now to the
- 7 regulation set forth in Section 8053 of the zoning
- 8 ordinance; and does sections 8053(a)(3) refer the
- 9 applicant back to 8052 to perform that calculation?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And did you perform that calculation under
- 12 Section 8052?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And is that calculation set forth on a
- 15 plan sheet which is part of your plan set?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And what sheet is that.
- 18 A On sheet four of four.
- 19 Q Could you please put that plan on the
- 20 board and explain to the Board of Supervisors how
- 21 you performed that calculation and the layout
- 22 depicted on sheet four?
- 23 A You are referring to the by-right
- 24 configuration?
- 25 Q Yes.

- 1 A Well, the by-right configuration is
- 2 utilizing the area dimensional requirements for the
- 3 two family semi detached which the area requirement
- 4 minimum lot area would be 15,000 square feet having
- 5 different, slightly different front side, rear yard
- 6 requirements. This is a platting of what that could
- 7 yield taking account to what the open space would be
- 8 required under that provision.
- 9 Q So did you perform that platting in
- 10 accordance with the requirements set forth in 8052
- 11 of the zoning ordinance?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And what does sheet four depict in terms
- 14 of total density?
- 15 A We depict a lot configuration
- 16 representative of 50 units.
- 17 Q And in your professional opinion, Mr.
- 18 Costanzo, and based on the work that you did to
- 19 complete that sheet four, what is your opinion as to
- 20 how many units are permitted by-right under Section
- 21 8052 of the zoning ordinance?
- 22 A We believe 50 are achievable.
- 23 Q And how many units are being proposed on
- 24 sheet one of the plan set?
- 25 A Forty-eight.

- 1 MR. CLEMONS: I am sorry, I didn't hear
- 2 that, you said that I believe 50 are permitted?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: I missed that 50 and 48?
- 5 THE WITNESS: 48 on the cluster.
- 6 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 7 Q And 50 is the number of units that are
- 8 shown on sheet four?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 O And 48 are the number on the sheet on
- 11 sheet one?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And referring now back again to 8053 of
- 14 the zoning ordinance, what is the maximum on lot
- 15 impervious surface ratio?
- 16 A 25 percent.
- 17 Q Do the plans comply with this requirement?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q How so?
- 20 A Well, we took into account and we have a
- 21 depiction of a sample house enlarged in plan view,
- 22 we show you the driveway, the square footage of the
- 23 home. So we are taking into account the actual
- 24 impervious coverage lot with actual footprints,
- 25 driveways and computing that based upon the minimum

- 1 lot area to achieve no greater than 25 percent.
- 2 Q Can you perform those calculations?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q What is the minimum lot area for a two
- 5 family semi-detached home in a cluster development
- 6 that is permitted under Section 8053?
- 7 A 10,000 square feet.
- 8 Q And what have you shown on the plan in
- 9 terms of the lot area for these 48 proposed lots?
- 10 A We were greater than 10,000 square feet,
- 11 if I can read the plan. Actually I have a version
- 12 right here, 10,370 are our smallest lots depicted.
- 13 Q That range is in size than in terms of
- 14 each lot?
- 15 A I am depicting them minimum size of our
- 16 plan, so they all comply with the 10,000.
- 17 Q Okay. Does the zoning ordinance require
- 18 open space for this cluster use?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And what does your ordinance require in
- 21 terms of the amount of open space and what you have
- 22 depicted on the plan?
- 23 A It is shown on the plan under heading,
- 24 open space requirements 25 percent or six acres
- 25 whichever is greater of the net site area must be

- 1 set aside.
- 2 Q And what have you proposed in terms of
- 3 open space?
- 4 A A proposed open space is made up four
- 5 parcels that we labeled A,B,C and D and the total is
- 6 13.4 acres.
- 7 MR. CLEMONS: You are looking at the
- 8 by-right plan that is on the dais, right?
- 9 THE WITNESS: I did look over there but I
- 10 have a reduced size one of the cluster in front of
- 11 me.
- MR. CLEMONS: You are testifying in terms
- 13 of having provided four areas.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Let me switch the board.
- 15 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: For the record the
- 16 testimony that I am eliciting from Mr. Costanzo
- 17 relates to the conditional use plan which is sheet
- 18 plan one of the plan set. And we are going to put
- 19 sheet one back on the easel.
- THE WITNESS: There are four areas open
- 21 space A to the west along the Lamplighter
- 22 development, b is a smaller piece in the center of
- 23 the land having frontage on Phillips -- let me go
- 24 back. Open space A is 3.3 acres, open space B is
- 25 .15, open space C which is where that existing house

- 1 along Street Road is today on Street Road one point
- 2 two acres. And the large tract across Street Road
- 3 or large parcel eight point seven five acres.
- 4 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 5 Q So, Mr. Costanzo, you read a formula into
- 6 the record. Could you please go back to the plan
- 7 and identify under that formula what is the acreage
- 8 of open space that is required for this use?
- 9 A The required is 7.22 acres.
- 10 Q What is being proposed as part of this
- 11 plan?
- 12 A Thirteen point four acres.
- 13 Q Now, are you familiar with the applicable
- 14 building yard setbacks for these proposed units
- under Section 8053(c)(2) of the zoning ordinance?
- 16 A I am.
- 17 Q What are those requirements?
- 18 A Well the minimum front yard setback are 30
- 19 feet or a maximum 35 percent of the units and minium
- 20 65 percent must have 40-foot setback. And the rear
- 21 yards shall not be less than 30, side yield a zero
- 22 on that common lot line between the two units and
- 23 its composite of 35 for a total.
- 24 Q And does proposed conditional use plan
- 25 comply with all of these requirements?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q How so?
- 3 A We depict all them to be 40 for the front
- 4 yard -- is that what you are referring to?
- 5 O Yes.
- 6 A We are showing all of the front yards to
- 7 be 40, 30 for the rear and 35 for the composite
- 8 side.
- 9 Q Are you familiar with screening and
- 10 buffering requirements set forth in 8062 of the
- 11 zoning ordinance?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And have you designed these plans to
- 14 comply with those requirements?
- 15 A Yes. I do have a colored rendering that
- 16 may depict more of the landscaping if you need to
- 17 see that.
- 18 Q So was the answer yes?
- 19 A Yes.
- 21 explain to the Board what the requirement is and how
- 22 the plan addresses that requirement. And you are
- 23 saying you have a rendered colored copy of plan
- 24 sheet one that would better depict that buffering
- 25 and screening material?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Let's put that on the board.
- 3 A I should also say that this rendering is a
- 4 depiction of possible landscaping. Buffering by
- 5 ordinance can really be worked out with the township
- 6 to effectively screen it as the township may see
- 7 fit, but there are certain, we can supplement it
- 8 with more landscaping and that's really a detail
- 9 that I think would come during the subdivision
- 10 process. But the intent is to fully comply with the
- 11 buffering requirements. What you see in green
- 12 circles are street tree depictions along your
- 13 frontage roads.
- 14 The dark green on this board here is
- 15 really a depiction of woodland and treed areas of
- 16 the existing site that if we did a concept grading
- 17 that we felt we could meet the tree preservation
- 18 requirement of the ordinance. It is subject to
- 19 change but the intent is not to remove more trees
- 20 than 50 percent, and this depicts close enough to
- 21 that 50 percent composite where we are showing some
- 22 trees along the Lamplighter development side because
- 23 I noticed some gaps along there which I think were a
- 24 result of normal construction and that side being
- 25 exposed to something different and there use to be

- 1 trees there, they look like they are gone. We are
- 2 looking to supplement those. There is buffering
- 3 that's required along the other residential lots but
- 4 we are not showing proposed, we are just showing the
- 5 woodland there to stay.
- 6 Q Let me refocus my question, Mr. Costanzo.
- 7 Under Section 8062, screening and buffering, what's
- 8 required under the ordinance and if you could show
- 9 how that is depicted on the plan?
- 10 A I might have to take a look at 8062.
- MR. ANDERSON: Read it right out of the
- 12 ordinance.
- THE WITNESS: 30 and 15 feet.
- 14 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- Do you depict those 30 and 15 on this plan
- 16 sheet?
- 17 A The 30 is shown, the 15 along your streets
- 18 are what I am saying would be more worked out with
- 19 something that is satisfactorily to the township but
- 20 the intent would be to meet that. We do have a
- 21 non-residential property that abuts this
- 22 residential, proposed residential tract and that
- 23 actually requires, has a 50-foot buffer with a 30
- 24 foot planting programs to it.
- 25 Q Mr. Costanzo, let me just focus. In your

- 1 professional opinion does this plan sheet that we
- 2 marked sheet one of the plan set satisfy by the 15
- 3 and 30-foot buffer requirements set forth in 8062?
- A Satisfies the buffer as far as dimensional
- 5 distance. What I am saying is additional
- 6 landscaping can be provided to supplement the
- 7 rendering. We didn't do a complete detail rendering
- 8 to go to the planting requirement of SALVO which the
- 9 zoning ordinance would refer you to.
- 10 Q So does the plan though satisfy that
- 11 requirement in terms of area?
- 12 A In terms of area, yes.
- 13 Q And now what are the parking requirements
- 14 under the ordinance for two family semi-detached
- 15 cluster use?
- 16 A Two-and-a-half spaces per dwelling unit.
- 17 O And what is depicted on your plan?
- 18 A For the cluster plan there is 120 would be
- 19 required under that with the 48 homes and we did
- 20 depict a greater number as we depicted 288. But
- 21 after having received the township engineer's review
- 22 letter citing our proposed driveway width being
- 23 seventeen-and-a-half feet and taking the township
- 24 parking stall requirement of nine-and-a-half for a
- 25 composite of 19, it was felt that from a technical

- 1 term it can only account for one, not side by side
- 2 but we are well in excess of regardless. So the
- 3 actual number for this would be 192, I believe, yes.
- 4 Q Has the township engineer reviewed the
- 5 pending plans for this project?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And has a reviewed letter been issued by
- 8 the township engineer?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q I am showing you a copy of that letter
- 11 that's dated June 6, 2011 on the stationary of
- 12 Carroll Engineering Corporation; are you familiar
- 13 with this letter?
- 14 A Yes, I am.
- 15 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I premarked this as
- 16 A-2.
- 17 (Exhibit A-2, was marked for
- 18 identification.)
- 19 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 20 Q Could you please explain generally what is
- 21 contained in this letter in terms of comments and
- 22 how you respond to those comments?
- 23 A Well many of the comments are noting that
- 24 the project complies or exceeds the requirements in
- 25 certain areas and there are other comments that are

- 1 more technical in nature. But we did a response
- 2 letter to those comments.
- 3 Q Is this a pretty typical letter that is
- 4 received in response to a submission of conditional
- 5 use plans?
- 6 MR. CLEMONS: Objection.
- 7 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I'll rephrase it.
- 8 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 9 Q In your experience are you familiar with
- 10 review letters that are performed by municipal
- 11 engineers in response to conditional uses plan
- 12 submissions?
- 13 A Yes. I say this is typical of Warrington
- 14 Township, each township is slightly different.
- 15 Q Now have you prepared a reply to this
- 16 review letter?
- 17 A I did.
- 18 Q And is that a letter dated June 24, 2011?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q In your professional opinion can all of
- 21 the comments that are contained in the review letter
- 22 from Carroll Engineering have they either been
- 23 addressed in the plan or can they be addressed as
- 24 part of the land developmental approval process?
- 25 A They have and can be addressed.

- 1 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: I'd like to mark this
- 2 letter as A-3.
- 3 (Exhibit A-3, was marked for
- 4 identification.)
- 5 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 6 O And does this letter address each and
- 7 every comment contained in the Carroll review
- 8 letter?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q We are not going through each and every
- 11 paragraph here but I want you to summarize by
- 12 category, the first heading under zoning ordinance
- 13 and there are four comments that Carroll rendered;
- 14 did you reply to each of those comments?
- 15 A I am sorry, you are looking at what
- 16 portion of it? From my letter?
- 17 Q Yes, your letter and your response to the
- 18 four comments under that zoning ordinance each one
- 19 you just note, comment, correct?
- 20 A That's right.
- 21 Q Can you explain why you used the word
- 22 comment?
- 23 A Because a comment was being rendered and
- 24 really not exactly one that's citing a plan revision
- 25 is required. It's a comment for the board to get a

- 1 better understanding of what's before them.
- 2 Q So for those four items under zoning
- 3 ordinance none of which require revision to the
- 4 pending plans in your opinion?
- 5 A That's true. But item number four I could
- 6 have a comment that I could disclose to you tonight.
- 7 O Go ahead.
- 8 A Item Four, which was brought to our
- 9 attention a new ordinance of the township that when
- 10 we submitted the plans, we did not have in our
- 11 possession it was rather recent, it speaks to Act
- 12 167 storm water management ordinance which included
- 13 transition areas along wetlands, waters and
- 14 floodplain. And our plans were submitted only
- 15 depicting that around the wetlands that were flagged
- 16 by NOVA and field located by us in conversation with
- 17 Dick I did provide, I should say, the township
- 18 engineer did provide an exhibit plan to show how we
- 19 can still comply with the transition areas if
- 20 imposed against the floodplain and waters and we did
- 21 prepare that plan and submitted that.
- 22 O And the next set of comments subdivision
- 23 and land development code, those are comments that
- 24 would be addressed as part of the subdivision land
- 25 development application?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And does that involve a full engineering
- 3 of this plan set?
- A No, not a full engineering, no.
- 5 Q No, in terms when you submitted a
- 6 subdivision land development application do you have
- 7 to prepare a fully engineered set of plans?
- 8 A For the cluster, yes.
- 9 Q That hasn't been done yet, you haven't
- 10 fully engineered these plans?
- 11 A No.
- 12 O That would come after conditional use
- 13 approval?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q The next category is traffic comments and
- 16 those are going to be addressed by Casey Moore, who
- 17 is here tonight?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And can you address then the four comments
- 20 under general?
- 21 A Well, the first one is a reminder that
- 22 this application requires a sewage facility planning
- 23 modular and under normal circumstances this property
- 24 with gravity flow would go by planning module
- 25 exemption.

- 1 Q And that is something you do as part of
- 2 the subdivision land development process?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q What about the next three comments?
- 5 A The next three comments are relative to
- 6 street names and MPDS for permits being required and
- 7 those are just really informative and we concur and
- 8 the last one is about the Phillips Avenue.
- 9 Q I skipped a question, the six comments
- 10 under the subparagraph B, subdivision and land
- 11 development code; would all of those comments be
- 12 addressed as part of your submission of subdivision
- 13 and land development plan as they relate to the
- 14 conditional use plan?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Now, Mr. Costanzo, let me run through a
- 17 few final questions concerning the more general
- 18 requirements for conditional use approval. In your
- 19 professional opinion is the proposed project in
- 20 accordance with the township comprehensive plan and
- 21 consistent with the spirit and purposes and intent
- of the township's zoning ordinance?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And in your professional opinion if the
- 25 proposed project in the best interest of the

- 1 township convenient to the community public welfare,
- 2 any substantial improvement to the property in the
- 3 immediate vicinity?
- 4 A Yes. The proposed use is permitted as a
- 5 conditional use and is a type of use generally
- 6 permitted in medium residential zoning district.
- 7 Q Is this residential use consistent with
- 8 the uses surrounding the property?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q In your professional opinion is this
- 11 project depicting 48 semi-detached units suitable
- 12 for this property?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q In your professional opinion is this
- 15 proposed project and has it been designed to date
- 16 and will it be constructed, operated and maintained
- 17 so as to be in harmony and appropriate and general
- 18 appearance to the existing or intended character in
- 19 the general vicinity?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q In your professional opinion is this
- 22 project design as depicted on this plan set in
- 23 compliance with all applicable requirements of the
- 24 township zoning ordinance?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q In your professional opinion with the
- 2 proposes use be compatible with the existing uses
- 3 and those established and allowed by the zoning
- 4 ordinance or the comprehensive plan in the area?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 O In your professional opinion will the
- 7 proposed project be adequately screened from any
- 8 adjacent differing uses?
- 9 A Yes, I addressed that earlier.
- 10 Q With the buffering and screening?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And would that be more details concerning
- 13 the plant materials depicted on the subdivision and
- 14 land development plan set?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q In your professional opinion will the
- 17 proposed project create a nuisance or hazard to
- 18 adjoining properties by noise, glare, congestion,
- 19 storage, odor, fire, explosion or radiation?
- 20 A No.
- 21 O Now, have you performed an investigation
- 22 as to the impact of this project on the township's
- 23 resources?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q What have you done in that regard?

- 1 A Well, we did prepare the impact report,
- 2 environmental impact report as well as resources.
- 3 We did do that and Carroll Engineering, the township
- 4 engineering, had to review that as well. The
- 5 findings were simply really little or negative
- 6 impact at all for the 48 units, it wouldn't increase
- 7 manpower on the township because of those 48 units.
- 8 There is no apparent burden.
- 9 Q Now the two impact reports that you
- 10 referenced, one was the environmental impact
- 11 statement prepared by your office dated April 1,
- 12 2011 that we marked as T-5, and second is the
- 13 municipal services impact statement prepared by your
- office also dated April 1, 2011 that we marked as
- 15 T-6.
- 16 (Exhibits T-5 and T-6, were marked for
- 17 identification.)
- 18 BY MR. GUNDLACH, JR.:
- 19 Q Is that correct?
- 20 A Yes, that's correct.
- 21 Q And could you generally describe the work
- 22 product that you performed and what's contained in
- 23 those impact statements to support your conclusion
- 24 that there be little or no impact on either
- 25 municipal or environmental features?

- 1 A They are pretty self explanatory. Like I
- 2 said there is no manpower, extra manpower burden
- 3 placed on the township with the 48 units. It
- 4 translates to approximately 137 people based on 2.86
- 5 members per household, that actually comes from the
- 6 comprehensive plan. Environmentally we did do a,
- 7 there is no endangered species.
- 8 Like I cited before we engaged, our client
- 9 engaged with a consultant with regards to wetlands,
- 10 a floodplain was factored in as well, steep slopes
- 11 were evaluated by aerial topography and we are able
- 12 to inspect all of those. All this 100 percent
- 13 resources in the cluster plan are all along the
- 14 northern side, wetland, floodplain and water. There
- 15 are no development proposed there so they will be
- 16 entirely preserved.
- 17 Q Now, based upon the work you performed are
- 18 there any, will the township be able to provide
- 19 adequate fire protection services for these homes?
- 20 A Yes. I couldn't say no tonight after what
- 21 happened tonight.
- 22 Q Are you talking about earlier
- 23 presentations tonight with the fire and police
- 24 department?
- 25 A That's correct.

- 1 Q And these reports then contained your
- 2 findings as to the municipal and environmental work
- 3 that you performed in this regard?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I have for Mr.
- 6 Costanzo.
- 7 MR. SOLICITOR: Cross.
- 8 - -
- 9 Cross-Examination
- 10 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 11 Q My examination of Mr. Costanzo I am going
- 12 to refer to provisions of the Warrington Township
- 13 zoning ordinance that we believe is relevant to
- 14 determination that will be made concerning the
- 15 conditional use application. For ease of reference
- 16 I am going to mark and identified and mark as I-1,
- 17 which is Interviewer One.
- 18 (Exhibit I-1, was marked for
- 19 identification.)
- MR. SOLICITOR: Okay.
- MR. CLEMONS: A copy of what we believe
- 22 are relevant provisions.
- 23 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 24 Q Now, Mr. Costanzo, I believe we agreed
- 25 that the property that is the subject of this

- 1 application is in the R-2 zoning district, correct?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q And you also agreed, as I understand your
- 4 direct examination, that the zoning regulations in
- 5 the R-2 district do not contain a maximum density
- 6 for lots redeveloped on the property in that
- 7 district, correct?
- 8 A Do you mean a density ratio per say?
- 9 Q Yes.
- 10 A There is none.
- 11 Q There is none. And you also agreed that
- 12 your client proposing a cluster option under 803
- 13 section B-2, correct, 8053(b)(2), correct?
- 14 A Correct.
- MR. ANDERSON: Can I ask you a question?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes.
- MR. ANDERSON: The document you just gave
- 18 us what is the date of that?
- 19 MR. CLEMONS: This was taken.
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: I look at the ordinance
- 21 1/25/11.
- 22 MR. CLEMONS: I took this off of the
- 23 township's website today, may be last night.
- MR. ANDERSON: When was this last updated?
- MR. WIELAND: It up dated automatically

- 1 MR. ANDERSON: Go on, I am going to look
- 2 through these.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: Do you want a moment?
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: No.
- 5 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 6 Q So, as I understand your testimony on
- 7 Direct, the maximum density that is permitted for a
- 8 detached two family cluster in the R-2 district is
- 9 based upon what would be the greatest density
- 10 permitted in a standard two unit detached
- 11 development having lots of 15,000 square feet; do
- 12 you agree with that?
- 13 A Yes, I do. I didn't follow but at the
- 14 moment I understand. Yes.
- 15 Q And now would you put up the aerial photo
- 16 that shows how the site looked with the 2005 aerial
- 17 photograph I think you said taken by the Delaware
- 18 River Regional Planning Commission.
- 19 A Okay.
- 20 Q And I think we agreed that the site on
- 21 both sides of Street Road is substantially wooded?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Probably over 13 acres of forest lands has
- 24 between the two properties?
- 25 A To summarize that actually sounds pretty

- 1 close. Well, there is actually we call that
- 2 existing feature plan 25 point seven one acres of
- 3 woodland and I think that 13 refer to was kind of
- 4 like more what we proposed required to be protected.
- 5 Q So in 25 acres of forest land more or less
- 6 on this property and there is an estimated of
- 7 something over 13 acres that required protection?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And now if you will refer to Section 304
- 10 of the zoning ordinance and specifically that's
- 11 found on Page 18 of the document that I just gave
- 12 you specifically take a look at Section 304 point B
- 13 point four, Section 304, B-4, just take a moment to
- 14 read section 304, Section 304 procedure for
- 15 establishing land use intensities.
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 O And so do you agree that Section 304 of
- 18 the zoning ordinance spells out how you calculate
- 19 the densities that are permitted on properties and
- 20 if you refer down to subsection C, it addresses one
- 21 of two different situations, one is where the
- 22 minimum lot area are determinative of land use
- 23 intensities and the other where there are maximum
- 24 density requirement; do you agree with that?
- 25 A I have it here, your print looks different

- 1 than mine.
- 2 Q Compare them. I am looking at 304.4(c).
- 3 A Yes, I got you.
- 4 Q We agreed 304.4 is the procedure for
- 5 establishing land use intensities, correct?
- A Yes, that's correct.
- 7 Q And that subsection C addresses how the
- 8 number of dwelling units permitted on the tract such
- 9 as this property in question will be determined,
- 10 does it not?
- 11 A The number of dwelling units permitted on
- 12 a tract shall be determined by one of the follow
- 13 methods.
- 14 O Yes.
- 15 A That is what it says, yes.
- 16 Q And perhaps I will read that louder. You
- 17 speak softly and I have a bad ear. It says a number
- 18 of dwelling units permitted on the tract shall be
- 19 determined by one of the following methods?
- 20 A The first method is where minimum lot
- 21 areas are determined with the land use intensities,
- 22 correct.
- 23 Q And that section would apply to this
- 24 subdivision in the R-2 medium density zoning
- 25 district because there are no maximum density

- 1 requirements specified in the zoning requirements;
- 2 is that correct?
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 Q And so if you will read with me Section
- 5 3044.c.1 says, where the minimum lot areas are
- 6 determinative of land use intensity that is where no
- 7 maximum density requirements are specified, the
- 8 maximum number of units shall be determined by the
- 9 number of lots that could be cited on the tract,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And the by-right plan that you referred to
- 13 earlier that I think is sheet four of the four
- 14 sheets of the plan that you provided with your
- 15 conditional use application is your effort to
- 16 demonstrate that what the maximum number of units
- 17 would be permitted in a so called by-right
- 18 subdivision, that is in a twin subdivision with
- 19 minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A Yes, it is depicted on what can be cited.
- 22 Q Now, the second sentence under Section
- 23 304.4.c.1 says, in making this determination
- 24 restrictive resource protection areas must be
- 25 designated as common open space except for

- 1 specifically permitted as part of lot areas under
- 2 Section 305; do you agree with me that that is what
- 3 that says?
- 4 A That is what that says.
- 5 O Now, if we look at the resource
- 6 restrictions standards, they are contained in
- 7 Section 305 of the zoning ordinance, correct? That
- 8 would be on Page 21 of the materials that I
- 9 provided.
- 10 A Environmental restrictions standards is
- 11 Section 305.
- 12 Q And there are a number of types of
- 13 resource restrictions that are enumerated under 305,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q And, for example, there are restrictions
- 17 concerning forest that require 50 percent of the
- 18 forest area to be protected as a minimum standard,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q And then where that forest is in another
- 22 protection area such as environmental sensitive
- 23 resource it requires 80 percent of the forest area
- 24 to be protected; is that correct?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q In addition to that it requires protection
- of different stream types, type one streams, water
- 3 bodies, wetlands and so forth, correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And now when you perform your by-right
- 6 plan -- can we put the by-right plan up, please?
- 7 Will you agree with me that's sheet four of four in
- 8 the plan that were submitted with your application,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 O And would you agree with me that there are
- 12 no resource, restrictive resource protection area
- 13 designated as common open space within your by-right
- 14 plan?
- 15 A Well, we are showing resource protection
- 16 on the by-right plan.
- 17 O But I want to read the words in the
- 18 ordinance. The ordinance says, that resource
- 19 protection areas must be designated as common open
- 20 space unless it is specifically permitted under
- 21 Section 305 and we will get to that in a second.
- 22 Did you delineate the resource protection areas and
- 23 designate them as common open space within the
- 24 by-right plan that is exhibit sheet four of four of
- 25 the plan that you submitted with the conditional

- 1 uses application?
- 2 A All of the 100 percent resource are
- 3 depicted in open space, and woodland and or steep
- 4 slopes are and would be part of and in some cases
- 5 the lots.
- 6 Q Am I correct, and I just want to see if we
- 7 have an agreement on this, that nowhere on exhibit
- 8 sheet four of the so called by-right plan did you
- 9 delineate, did you show as common open common space
- 10 area where the required protective resources would
- 11 be, you didn't show 50 percent of the forest areas
- 12 designated in common open space on the by-right
- 13 plan, did you?
- 14 A We didn't fully engineer this by-right
- 15 plan as well as we didn't fully engineer the cluster
- 16 plan.
- 17 O Sure.
- 18 A And our understanding is that it's
- 19 depiction and what was required of us to do is to
- 20 depict what can be platted using the area
- 21 dimensional requirements while taking into
- 22 consideration require open space and natural
- 23 resource and preservation and we believe by
- 24 inspection, and that's the purpose of submitting it
- 25 as a sketch so that one can review and make that

- 1 determination.
- 2 Q Well, I am just talking about the words in
- 3 the ordinance. We agree that it is the words in
- 4 this ordinance that control how you determine what
- 5 the maximum density is that is permitted for this
- 6 property, isn't it? And specifically I think you
- 7 agreed with me before that the words contained in
- 8 Sections 3044.c.1 govern how you determine the
- 9 maximum number of units that can be developed on the
- 10 property where there isn't a maximum density
- 11 requirement; you do agree with me, correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And you agree that this second sentence
- 14 under C-1 says, in making this determination
- 15 preparing this plan, the lots out, the minimum lot
- 16 areas you have to take sufficient area out and put
- 17 it, designated it as common open pace in order to
- 18 prepare the by-right plan; isn't that what section
- 19 3044.c.1 states?
- 20 A And that's what that says.
- 21 Q You didn't do that with your bi-right
- 22 plan, did you?
- 23 A We received no comment in that record
- 24 either.
- 25 Q I am not asking you about any comments, I

- 1 am asking you when you did what section 304 C-1
- 2 states should be done. And I believe your answer
- 3 is, no, you didn't.
- MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: Objection. The
- 5 witness did not say, now Mr. Clemons is asking the
- 6 questions and answering the question. If he wants
- 7 to continue, we can all go in the back and he can
- 8 put on all of the testimony on here. The witness
- 9 needs an opportunity to answer the questions before
- 10 Mr. Clemons does.
- 11 THE WITNESS: We don't have those
- 12 computations on the plan.
- MR. CLEMONS: Thank you.
- 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Why you are shifting gears
- 15 here, I want to make it clear to everybody that we
- 16 are going to let this go until 9:30. It's obvious
- 17 we are not going to finish this tonight. And I
- 18 think by that time we would have enough information
- 19 we have to look over and ready for the next part of
- 20 it when these hearings continue. With that you can
- 21 continue.
- 22 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 23 Q Now, assuming that 304 point one point
- 24 C -- I am sorry, 304 point four C-1 requires that
- 25 the determination made included in an area

- 1 designated as common open space should have been 50
- 2 percent of that forest area that is required to be
- 3 protected under Section 305.(a) of the zoning
- 4 ordinance, correct?
- 5 A 50 percent, yes.
- 6 Q And 80 percent of any area that is in an
- 7 environmentally sensitive resource did you determine
- 8 whether any of the forest area was in an
- 9 environmentally sensitive resource?
- 10 A Sure.
- 11 Q And some of it is?
- 12 A Yes, it is.
- 13 Q There would be an area that would require
- 14 80 percent to be protected and then there are type
- one streams on the property?
- 16 A Type one? Type ones are those greater
- 17 than 100 acres in the water shed, I believe. But we
- 18 do have floodplains associated with the little
- 19 Neshaminy creek so we included it in, yes.
- 20 Q It leads on your natural resources plan.
- 21 Let me just ask you a couple of questions about the
- 22 natural resource plan. The natural resource plan,
- 23 which I believe is sheet two, is the natural
- 24 resource plan sheet two of four?
- 25 A It's titled, existing features.

- 1 Q Existing features plan.
- 2 A Yes, sheet two.
- 3 Q And in that existing feature plan you
- 4 delineated and tabulated the areas of forest,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q And steep slopes?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Wetlands?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Floodplain?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And other natural resources that you
- 14 deemed needed to be shown in the existing feature
- 15 plan, correct?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q And I suppose since your office prepared
- 18 that you would agree that the existing features plan
- 19 accurately depicts the natural resources that are on
- 20 the property that is the subject of this
- 21 application?
- 22 A To the best of our knowledge with the
- 23 survey information that we received, yes. For
- 24 example, the wetlands hasn't yet received an Army
- 25 Corp of jurisdiction of determination based upon

- 1 field survey.
- 2 Q You thought that was satisfactory for a
- 3 conditional use though?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q So, Mr. Costanzo, would you agree that if
- 6 those natural resource restricted areas that you
- 7 depicted on the existing resources plan in the
- 8 amounts that are required to be protected under
- 9 Section 305 of the zoning ordinance were actually
- 10 shown on the by-right plan that it would have, in
- 11 fact, on the number of units that could be built
- 12 under the by-right plan?
- 13 A Can you repeat that question?
- 14 Q Do you agree that if the natural resources
- 15 that are required to be protected under Section 305
- 16 of the zoning ordinance were placed in a common open
- 17 space area as required under Section 304.4(c)1 of
- 18 the zoning ordinance that that would have a negative
- 19 impact on the number of the units that can be
- 20 provided within the by-right plan?
- 21 A I believe we showed enough information as
- 22 required to make this determination, it's not fully
- 23 engineered and it is based upon our understanding of
- 24 how Warrington has applied its ordinance from prior
- 25 subdivisions that we have done. And we proceeded to

- 1 do it in the same fashion. I believe we met it to
- 2 the satisfaction at least based upon the review
- 3 letter that we received.
- 4 Q But you agree you did not comply with the
- 5 procedure that is stated in Section 304.1(c),
- 6 304.4(c)1 of the zoning ordinance with respect to
- 7 determining the maximum developing units that are
- 8 permitted in the by-right plan?
- 9 A We didn't do it in that fashion.
- 10 Q Okay. And the maximum density that is
- 11 established by the by-right plan then impacts the
- 12 density that could be provided in the conditional
- 13 use plan; isn't that correct?
- 14 A The by-right plan has density influence on
- 15 the cluster plan, yes.
- 16 Q Because you can't have any more units
- 17 under the cluster plan that would be established
- 18 under a proper by-right plan?
- 19 A That could be cited on the by-right plan
- 20 with some possible subjectivity to what site means.
- 21 Q Sited under the provisions of Section
- 22 304.(c)1 that I keep talking about, correct?
- 23 A Not based upon a fully engineered plan,
- 24 one would not fully engineer to throw it away to now
- 25 come into the cluster with the same number of units

- 1 on smaller lots.
- 2 Q But you engineer it to the standards layed
- 3 out in the existing features on --
- A It's a land plan, it's not an engineering
- 5 plan.
- 6 Q Now, you mentioned that you designed your
- 7 plan to comply with the buffer requirements of the
- 8 zoning ordinance and you specifically mentioned 15
- 9 and 30 foot buffers. And I want to refer you to
- 10 Section 2307 of the zoning ordinance; that sections
- 11 also has regulations concerning required buffers;
- 12 does it not?
- 13 A It does.
- 14 Q And it has a requirement for buffers
- 15 between residential and non-residential uses, does
- 16 it not?
- 17 A It does.
- 18 Q And it requires a 50-foot buffer between
- 19 residential uses and non-residential uses; isn't
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A Something that I mentioned early in my
- 22 testimony, yes, correct.
- 23 Q But in your by-right plan you did not
- 24 show -- let me ask you another question first.
- 25 There are non-residential uses that abut the

- 1 property that is subject to this application, are
- 2 there not?
- 3 A There is the synagogue, yes.
- 4 Q There is the synagogue and across the
- 5 street along Street Road are there not also
- 6 non-residential uses that back up onto that nine or
- 7 ten acres on the other side of Street Road?
- 8 A Can you point those out for me?
- 9 Q Plumbing and heating business designated
- 10 parcel number 50-10-111 Warrington Plumbing and
- 11 Heating, and that appears to back up on lots 47, 48
- and 50 in your by-right plan; isn't that correct?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q You did not allow for a 50-foot buffer
- 15 area for those three lots, did you, in your by-right
- 16 plan?
- 17 A We show existing woodlands up there but it
- 18 does not show that 50-foot buffer around what -- I
- 19 am sorry what's the name again?
- 20 Q Warrington Plumbing and Heating, I think,
- 21 it is here.
- 22 A It does not show that.
- 23 Q You can't build anything within a 50-foot
- 24 buffer area, can you?
- 25 A You can't put a structure there, a

- 1 building in it. You would impact the building
- 2 envelope but the building can still be placed there.
- 3 Q Well, you didn't make a determination
- 4 where you provided a 50-foot buffer along lots 50,
- 5 47 and 48 whether you would still have a developable
- 6 building envelope, did you?
- 7 A You can do that by inspection right now
- 8 and the building envelope will still be sufficient
- 9 if you take that extra land area away, it's
- 10 applicable to that lot. We did not reflect that on
- 11 the plan.
- 12 O Now, when did you determine the area that
- 13 would be needed in the conditional use plan sheet
- 14 one for storm-water detention facilities, when did
- 15 you draw those storm detention facilities? You drew
- 16 them in a prior conditional use, you drew them and
- 17 submitted this amendment?
- 18 A We first had them on sketch plan.
- 19 O Yes.
- 20 A The one we refer to came before the
- 21 planning commission on January 6th.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A We revised it that sketch plan but
- 24 ultimately on April 1st we did submit conditional
- 25 use plan with the cluster without by-right plan at

- all really based upon a mathematical computation on
- 2 density -- I am sorry the question?
- 3 Q The question was, when did you determine
- 4 the area that would be required for storm-water
- 5 detention facilities in the conditional use plan. I
- 6 understand you got plans that go back to January,
- 7 there was some revisions. What point did you fixed
- 8 so that it hasn't changed in any subsequent
- 9 iterations of this conditional uses plan the area
- 10 would be that required for storm water detention?
- 11 A I did provide testimony earlier on when
- 12 Mr. Gundlach asked me how we developed and came to a
- 13 layout, and I did discuss the fact that the very
- 14 water shed, the Act 167. And then the early on
- 15 consent plan, which we call the sketch plan, we had
- 16 an area computation and as planners working with our
- own engineers in our office intuitively by using
- 18 5,000 cubic feet per acre of drainage area, one can
- 19 preserve appropriate land so we did do that early on
- 20 site.
- 21 Q So, between January when you did your
- 22 first plan as a sketch plan and the date that you
- 23 submitted the conditional use plan which is sheet
- 24 one of one, did the footprint for the storm-water
- 25 detention facilities change between January of 2011

- 1 and May 2011, the date of your conditional use plan?
- 2 A It certainly changed, the layouts are
- 3 different.
- 4 Q I am just focusing on the detention basin
- 5 right now, Mr. Costanzo. I know you have done some
- 6 things on roadway layout and that sort of thing.
- 7 But did the footprint of the storm-water detention
- 8 facility change between January 1st, early January
- 9 and May when you submitted this plan?
- 10 A Sure. The land area wise it's the same
- 11 closely. But horizontal depiction of just an
- 12 outline of a basin area certainly changed.
- 13 Q Can you take a look at, I see Mr. Gundlach
- 14 got the April plan of the area delineated for
- 15 storm-water basin on that plan changed between that
- 16 plan and the plan that you submitted for tonight's
- 17 consideration? Take a moment and compare that to
- 18 the area that you --
- 19 A Are you looking for areas in acres or the
- 20 representations, the shape?
- 21 O Area and acres.
- 22 A Point seven, maybe three acres on our
- 23 plan. And it's not on this plan but at this point
- 24 it's size, I have it on another plan if you are
- 25 looking for that exact spot.

- 1 Q I would like to know.
- 2 A Half an area.
- 3 O In the initial conditional use application
- 4 how much area did you provide for detention
- 5 facilities?
- 6 A It appears, I am having difficult reading,
- 7 I need my glasses, point seven three acres.
- 8 Q So in the conditional use application that
- 9 you filed and then amended you allowed point seven
- 10 three acres for storm-water detention facilities and
- 11 the conditional use plan that is sheet one of four
- 12 before the board tonight you provided a half acre?
- 13 A A half acre. The first one is not based
- 14 on actual topography, you like to be a bit
- 15 conservative. This one, the May plan we actually
- 16 have the boundary and topographic survey and we
- 17 wanted to make sure we can achieve the depth of the
- 18 basin by Warrington standards, so we are able to use
- 19 that topography to define the shape and in
- 20 horizontal plan view it appears it takes up half an
- 21 acre.
- 22 Q However in April of 2011 there was a
- 23 pretty significant ordinance adopted by Warrington
- 24 Township to affect storm-water management, wasn't
- 25 there?

- 1 A I mentioned that in my testimony, yes.
- 2 Q And that ordinance many folks believe will
- 3 have a substantial impact on the design of the
- 4 storm-water facility; is that correct?
- 5 A You have to look at the various water shed
- 6 districts that Warrington has established consistent
- 7 with the Act 167 and this water shed that drains to
- 8 the Bradford as opposed to other areas and I have
- 9 that too, you only need on the high frequency storm
- 10 that have the post, the post two-year storm matched
- 11 the one year pre and all the other ones need to
- 12 comply with as opposed to another districts that
- 13 will require you to check it down even further than
- 14 thus impacting the site of the basin. But the 100
- 15 year is post matching pre and if you are suggesting
- 16 that maybe the new ordinance making the ordinance
- 17 bigger based upon the philosophy that is not exactly
- 18 correct.
- 19 Q Based on what I understand that the new
- 20 storm water requires, and I am not an expert, it
- 21 also requires infiltration, doesn't it?
- 22 A So does the old.
- 23 Q Is it your understanding that the
- 24 ordinance that was adopted in 2011 number '04
- 25 requires the same level of infiltration that was

- 1 required from under the old storm-water management
- 2 ordinance?
- 3 A I have to check whether it is precisely
- 4 the same but you are governed by MPD as well DEP and
- 5 really the new Act 167 embraces some of the things
- 6 that are already happening in the MPS that we would
- 7 have been aware of during the concept plan just
- 8 like, you know, there wasn't full blown engineering
- 9 done, we certainly didn't examine storm-water
- 10 infiltration yet. It is a component that would, in
- 11 deed, come up during subdivision process and felt
- 12 not necessarily a part of the use of the plan.
- 13 Q So you are making the determination how
- 14 much land area under the new storm-water ordinance
- 15 might be required to sufficiently infiltrate storm
- 16 water as required under Ordinance 2011.4?
- 17 A There was not storm-water infiltration
- 18 testing performed.
- MR. CLEMONS: May I have just a moment?
- THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.
- MR. CLEMONS: Mr. Costanzo, thank you, I
- 22 have no further questions.
- THE WITNESS: You are welcome.
- 24 THE CHAIRMAN: I am sure that any other
- 25 witness that you brought on at this point by the

- 1 time they are cross examined it's going to bring us
- 2 way over the time. I would suggest even though it
- 3 is only 26 after that we call a halt to it and
- 4 continue the hearing.
- 5 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: Mr. Chairman, can I at
- 6 least ask to see if anyone else has cross
- 7 examination questions of Mr. Costanzo?
- THE CHAIRMAN: We'll have them.
- 9 MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: You will have them
- 10 next time.
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry to do that but
- 12 we will have to bring him back.
- MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, if I may?
- 14 One thing that troubled me that you said, you said
- 15 something about past practices how Warrington
- 16 interpreted the code in your view.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 18 MR. ANDERSON: Right.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Well that's parameters.
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: Could you bring that with
- 21 you, I'd like to see that what you are talking
- 22 about.
- THE WITNESS: Okay, sure.
- MR. ANDERSON: That's all.
- THE CHAIRMAN: What I am going to do at

- 1 this point in time is I am going to close the
- 2 hearing, I am going to continue it until July 14th.
- 3 And, again, it will be one of the first things on
- 4 the agenda.
- 5 MR. ANDERSON: It should be the only
- 6 thing.
- 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Well right now it is unless
- 8 something comes up as an emergency. Thank you all.
- 9 And at this time I will ask for a motion to continue
- 10 the hearing.
- MR. ANDERSON: So moved.
- MS. ACHENBACH: Second.
- MR. GUNDLACH, JR.: So for the record it
- 14 is July the 12th at 7:30.
- THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor by
- 16 signifying, Aye.
- MR. ANDERSON: Aye.
- MS. ACHENBACH: Aye.
- MR. PLOTNICK: Aye.
- MR. LAMOND, JR.: Aye.
- 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. Thank you.
- 22 - -
- 23 (Tonight's hearing concluded at this time.)
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## CERTIFICATE

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## TOWNSHIP OF WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

IN RE:

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CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION BY : PENROSE WALK (formerly Sunrise : Court Associates, LP) :

Warrington, Pennsylvania Tuesday, July 12, 2011

A hearing was held in the above-titled matter at the Warrington

Township Meeting Room, 852 Easton Road, on the above date, beginning at 7:30 p.m., before Cynthia A. Whyte, Registered

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CHAIRMAN PAUL: I will convene 1 the public hearing to continue and 2 discuss a conditional use application for 3 Penrose Walk, formerly Sunrise Court 5 Associates, LP, to allow the property to be developed with two single semidetached 6 dwelling cluster developments. This is a 7 conditional use requirement under 803(a) 8 of the Warrington Township Zoning 9 Ordinance, Chapter 27, as amended. 1.0 And with that, I think where we 11 were at last time is we were questioning 12 your engineer. 13 MR. GUNDLACH: Correct. I was 14 getting ready to start my redirect. 15 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Okay. 16 MR. CASEY: Just to clarify, 17 Mr. Chairman, there is only one party of 18 record besides the applicant. That's the 19 Lamplighters Association represented by 20 Mr. Clemons. 21 MR. CLEMONS: That's correct. 22 Thank you, Mr. 23 CHAIRMAN PAUL: 24 Casey. 25 ... SAMUEL CONSTANZO, P.E.,

- 1 having been previously sworn, was
- 2 examined and testified as follows:
- 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- 5 Q. Mr. Costanzo, at the last hearing
- 6 Attorney Clemons asked you some questions
- 7 regarding the applicability of 304.4(c) of the
- 8 zoning ordinance to this project. Do you
- 9 recall those questions?
- 10 A. I recall, yes.
- 11 Q. And since the last hearing have you
- 12 had an opportunity to review the requirements
- 13 set forth in Section 304 against the plans
- 14 that were filed with this application as
- 15 amended?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And in your professional opinion do
- 18 the pending conditional use plans comply with
- 19 the requirements of Section 304.4(c) of the
- 20 zoning ordinance?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you explain how so?
- 23 A. Well, I don't know if the rest of
- 24 the Board and the audience would remember, but
- 25 that section was about the procedure for

- 1 establishing land use intensities.
- 2 Specifically Part C spoke to in Part 1, which
- 3 was what I was being asked, where minimum lot
- 4 areas are determinative of the land use
- 5 intensities, the maximum number of units shall
- 6 be determined by the maximum number of lots
- 7 that can be sited on the tract. In making
- 8 this determination, restricted resource
- 9 protection areas must be designated as common
- 10 open space except where specifically permitted
- 11 as part of lot areas in 305.
- 12 And in 305 is the answer of how we
- 13 applied Section 305 and 304 in its entirety,
- and we specifically go to 305 and it tells you
- 15 what resources must be in common open space
- 16 and which are not, thus being able to be a
- 17 part of lot areas. And those resources are
- 18 the hundred percent resources that the
- 19 township has, streams, water bodies and
- 20 wetland areas, and that's how I intuitively
- 21 knew what I knew when I gave an answer
- 22 relative to I know of the examples we did in
- 23 the past and how we know we comply.
- Q. So you are saying that it is your
- 25 testimony that the pending conditional use

- 1 plan does comply with Section 304?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And Mr. Anderson had a question for
- 4 you in response to an answer that you had as
- 5 to prior examples in the township as to the
- 6 application of Section 304. Do you recall his
- 7 question?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. And since the last hearing were you
- 10 able to research and obtain examples as to the
- application of Section 304.4(c) by the
- 12 Township on prior projects?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And what did you discover?
- 15 A. Well, I brought in one of ours. I
- 16 had to go through finding like residential
- 17 subdivisions. We did one. I heard the
- 18 gentleman here tonight say he was on
- 19 Muirfield. We did a subdivision called
- 20 Muirfield.
- MR. CLEMONS: I'm going to
- 22 object to that on the grounds of
- 23 relevance. I think the question is -- I
- 24 don't know anything about this other
- 25 subdivision. I don't know who -- there

- 1 was an issue raised concerning the
- 2 intensity or how the intensity was
- 3 calculated or how the resource
- 4 restrictions were issued. The fact that
- 5 the Board may have approved it on a prior
- 6 occasion has no relevance to whether or
- 7 not we are -- the method of calculating
- 8 intensity is being contested in this
- 9 case. That prior subdivision approval
- 10 has no relevance.
- MR. GUNDLACH: To respond to
- that, it was a question by one of the
- 13 Board members as to prior
- interpretations, or prior applications
- 15 rather, by the Township of that section,
- and this witness did some research and is
- 17 responding specifically to that question
- and is prepared to show two examples of
- 19 similar residential projects where
- 20 Section 304.4(c) was applied and how it
- 21 was applied by the Township, and I would
- 22 submit to you in light of Mr. Clemons'
- 23 cross-examination as to his obvious
- interpretation of that section that it is
- 25 relevant for purposes of these

- 1 proceedings.
- 2 MR. CLEMONS: What that
- 3 requires me to do is to go back and
- 4 determine in this collateral matter
- 5 whether or not that calculation was
- 6 performed correctly.
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, if
- 8 I may. It was my question.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Right.
- MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Clemons, I
- 11 believe what was stated was that there
- were cases in the past where the Township
- had done something that probably wasn't
- called out specifically in the ordinance,
- and my question was I would like to see
- 16 examples of that. I still would like to
- see those examples. I believe that you
- will have plenty of opportunity to review
- 19 them, and if we need to continue to
- another date to look at that, we will
- give you the time to do that.
- 22 My question was, I was
- interested in seeing those proposals, how
- it happened, how it took place, and I
- 25 still want to see that.

MR. CLEMONS: Let me suggest 1 2 one thing to you, though, something that has come to my mind and I think you are 3 familiar with. I think for years the 4 5 County of Bucks was -- I know that because of your involvement with the 6 county you probably know about this case 7 where for years they were hiring services 8 for the individual district justices just 9 on a bid for the individual district 10 justices. You know about that case. 11 12 Then it came along that there was a determination made that that was not the 13 proper procedure, that they had to be 14 advertised and they had to be advertised 15 in a block. 16 So, you know, we have always 17 done it this way is not a proper defense 18 of whether or not this subdivision is 19 compliant with the --20 MR. ANDERSON: I'm not 21 22 proposing it would be a proper defense. I just said I wanted to know of those 23 That's all. I'm not asking for a 24 cases.

long explanation. If you tell me

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- 1 Muirfield and a couple other ones, I will
- 2 go and look at that. That was my
- 3 question as to what, and I will look at
- 4 the data myself. I don't care about
- 5 that. I don't want to draw this out.
- 6 And I think we should supply you that
- 7 information also.
- 8 Just because it was wrong once
- 9 upon a time, that doesn't mean we
- 10 continue that policy. I totally agree
- 11 with that.
- MR. COSTANZO: If I could
- 13 supply some clarity --
- MR. GUNDLACH: Let's just stop
- here, Mr. Costanzo. There is a question
- on the floor and we're waiting for a
- 17 ruling on the objection and then we will
- 18 proceed.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Mr. Casey, I'm
- 20 not up on all of this legal jargon here.
- 21 MR. CASEY: The objection is
- 22 overruled.
- 23 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- Q. So, Mr. Costanzo, I had asked you
- 25 then previously if you had researched and

- 1 obtained examples as to your application of
- 2 Section 304.4(c) or other engineered
- 3 application of that section and the design of
- 4 plans, and you had cited two projects and you
- 5 started to reference Muirfield. Did your firm
- 6 design the Muirfield subdivision?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you please explain how Section
- 9 304.4(3) was applied by the Township in that
- 10 subdivision?
- MR. CLEMONS: Objection. There
- is no foundation laid. I think we need
- 13 to know whether or not -- what zoning
- 14 district the Muirfield subdivision was
- in, whether or not it was a cluster
- 16 subdivision and whether that cluster
- 17 subdivision requirement referred one to
- 18 calculate the intensity based upon the
- 19 by-right density. No foundation laid at
- all for this.
- MR. ANDERSON: Not to draw this
- out, just give me the two names. That's
- all I want. I'll do my own homework. If
- you want to give me anything to look at,
- 25 that is fine. You don't have to get into

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- all of that detail. I understand how the
- 2 projects went. You had two of them.
- 3 Which is the other one?
- 4 MR. GUNDLACH: Mr. Anderson, if
- I can reply, I don't want to be bullied
- 6 by Mr. Clemons' objections here. Those
- 7 objections of lack of foundation, in this
- 8 proceeding the formal Rules of Evidence
- 9 do not apply. Those are fair-game
- 10 questions. If he wants to cross-examine
- 11 Mr. Costanzo, I laid a proper base to ask
- 12 Mr. Costanzo as to the application of
- that section, and I believe I have a
- 14 right for this witness -- a ruling was
- 15 made -- to answer that question, and he
- 16 can cross-examine him.
- 17 If we want to spend an hour
- 18 here rehashing these subdivisions, I
- think it is a waste of everyone's time
- and it is not needed, and if Mr. Clemons
- 21 wants to take that time in
- 22 cross-examination at his client's
- expense, he can go ahead and do that.
- 24 You offered him the right to
- come back and look at that, and I think

- that was a fair offer. I want to ask him
- 2 a few questions. I will have this done
- 3 in five minutes, and then we can move on
- 4 to the next witness.
- 5 MR. ANDERSON: Sustained.
- 6 O. Mr. Costanzo, could you explain
- 7 those two examples?
- 8 A. The Muirfield subdivision -- and, by
- 9 the way, the intensity section on 304 does not
- 10 pertain to district. It's relative to all
- 11 residential, so the concern about you don't
- 12 know the district, how it's applied, whether
- 13 it was cluster or not cluster, has no bearing.
- 14 It's applicable to all subdivisions relative
- 15 to intensity.
- Muirfield happens to be on Limekiln
- 17 Pike, not a very large job, three-acre lot
- 18 zoning. The lots were created a seven-lot
- 19 subdivision, three-acre lot throughout the
- 20 minimum lot area. We certainly had resources
- 21 to protect, just like in Section 304,
- 22 predominantly all woodland. The woodland was
- 23 all being placed on the lots, did not have to
- 24 be put in common open space, which is what I
- 25 thought the line of questioning was that

- 1 night, did I put it in common open space
- 2 relative to the woods. I knew I did not. I
- 3 did not know specifically why I knew that, and
- 4 that's why I gave that answer, which led me to
- 5 these exhibits.
- 6 But the woodland was all preserved
- 7 on the lots. The lots wouldn't be able to
- 8 exist having a minimum lot area of three
- 9 acres. They would have been oversized or you
- 10 would have had to put them in open space.
- 11 It's not required. That section of the
- 12 ordinance specifically tells you in 305, and
- 13 304 tells you to look at 305.
- This may be what I didn't exactly do
- 15 at the meeting, go right at the top of Section
- 16 305. It tells you by streams. There is a
- 17 line in there that says, "Such restricted land
- 18 must be designated as open space." If you go
- 19 down to the next line, Water Bodies, "This
- 20 land must be designated as open space"; the
- 21 next one, Wetlands, "This land must be
- 22 designated as open space." You go to steep
- 23 slopes and woodlands, and it does not contain
- 24 that language. It's very specific that those
- 25 can be on the lots, and that's how we did it.

- 1 It's how it was done in the past, so it is
- 2 very clear and specific to me and there would
- 3 be no reason in Section 305 to even tell you
- 4 to go to 305 to look for it if 305 wasn't
- 5 going to tell you where it counts and where it
- 6 doesn't, and that's what we did.
- 7 Q. Mr. Costanzo, that plan that you
- 8 just referenced to the Board, I'm going to
- 9 mark that record plan of Muirfield for W.B.
- 10 Homes as Exhibit A-4.
- 11 (Exhibit A-4 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 Q. You said you had a second example.
- 14 Would that be the Equestrian Court
- 15 subdivision?
- 16 A. It is.
- 0. And I'm going to mark that as A-5,
- 18 because I believe you are going to reference
- 19 to the Board as well on Equestrian Court.
- 20 (Exhibit A-5 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 Q. Could you please give a brief
- 23 explanation as to how that section was applied
- 24 to the Equestrian Court project?
- 25 A. I can. I wanted to pick another job

- 1 that I did not do, one that I knew was also in
- 2 close proximity to this subdivision.
- 3 Equestrian is right down the road. It's also
- 4 in the same zoning district, also required
- 5 woodlands to be preserved. In fact, on this
- 6 specific case a variance was granted for
- 7 woodlands to disturb more than the 50 percent
- 8 that was allowed, but the remaining balance
- 9 was permitted to be on the lots, not collected
- 10 in common open space and not -- therefore, it
- 11 was a part of the lot areas.
- So that's another example and that's
- 13 right down the street.
- 14 Q. Mr. Costanzo, at the last hearing
- 15 Mr. Clemons also asked you some questions
- 16 concerning the buffer requirements in Section
- 17 2307 of the zoning ordinance. Do you recall
- 18 those questions?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Specifically he asked you about a
- 21 requirement to provide a 50-foot buffer
- 22 between residential and nonresidential uses.
- 23 Do you recall those questions?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. Now, if you could approach the

- 1 conditional use plan on the board, which we
- 2 previously marked as T-4 -- and this is the
- 3 colored version of the cluster plan.
- 4 Actually, let me rephrase that, Mr. Costanzo.
- 5 I believe Mr. Clemons' questions
- 6 concerned what we characterized as the
- 7 by-right plan.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I'm sorry.
- 9 Somebody in the audience cannot hear you.
- 10 Can you get closer to the mike if you
- 11 could?
- 12 Q. Mr. Costanzo, I believe those
- 13 questions from Mr. Clemons pertained to the
- 14 by-right plan and the layout; is that correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 O. So you are going to put on the board
- 17 here the plan that we previously referenced at
- 18 the last hearing as the by-right plan?
- 19 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Can you check
- 20 and see if that mike is on?
- 21 (Short recess.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN PAUL: It appears that
- 23 the loudspeaking system is not going to
- 24 work here. I'm going to ask you to speak
- as loud as you can so as many people can

- 1 hear you as possible, okay?
- MR. COSTANZO: Okay.
- 3 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- Q. Mr. Costanzo, I had referenced you
- 5 to what we called at the last hearing the
- 6 by-right plan, which is Sheet 4 from the
- 7 revised conditional use plan set, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And specifically the questions
- 10 regarding the buffer.
- 11 Could you please review that board
- 12 that we have on the easel and address the
- 13 question as to whether or not that buffer can
- 14 be complied with with the by-right plan.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PAUL: The mikes are
- 16 on.
- 17 A. Can I proceed then?
- 18 O. Go ahead. Why don't you approach
- 19 the board and show the lots that Mr. Clemons
- 20 asked you about and review --
- 21 A. Approach the board or the Board?
- (Laughter).
- O. The board on the easel and show the
- 24 Board and the audience what's going on.
- 25 A. I believe the question that was

- 1 asked me at the last hearing was relative to
- 2 Tax Parcel 50-10-111, which on our plans says
- 3 it is now or formerly owned by Warrington
- 4 Plumbing and Heating Company, and that's a
- 5 property that is not part of ours. It's an
- 6 outparcel on Street Road which our lands wrap
- 7 around.
- 8 And as I was sitting up here when
- 9 Mr. Clemons was approaching that board, I
- 10 think it was -- he was pointing out that I did
- 11 not apply a 50-foot buffer where a residential
- 12 use -- our proposed residential lots behind
- 13 that in the by-right plan up against that
- 14 alleged commercial use, we didn't apply a
- 15 50-foot buffer.
- 16 My answer to that was having read
- 17 what I read on the plan, it says it is -- it
- 18 sounds like it is a noncommercial -- a
- 19 nonresidential use. I stated I could apply
- 20 the 50-foot buffer and still be fine in the
- 21 lots. It would just simply reduce the
- 22 building envelopes for those lots but still
- 23 certainly able to be built upon. That was my
- 24 answer then. Driving by in my memory, I even
- 25 went to that site before the hearing. I don't

- 1 remember seeing any commercial signs out
- 2 there. I did it again, and it prompted me to
- 3 look it up. It's a building that is in ruins.
- 4 It just happens to be owned by what sounds to
- 5 be a noncommercial -- a nonresidential owner.
- 6 It's certainly in the same district. It's
- 7 really a vacant piece of ground. There is no
- 8 commercial use established.
- 9 I contacted the Township and spoke
- 10 to a Mr. Powell to confirm whether there was
- 11 anything that I'm missing that was granted on
- 12 that property that establishes it as being
- 13 commercial, and he said no.
- 0. So, Mr. Costanzo, if in fact it was
- 15 determined to be a commercial use and the
- 16 50-foot buffer would be applicable, in your
- 17 professional opinion can these homes be
- 18 situate on these four lots to comply with that
- 19 requirement?
- 20 A. They can.
- 21 (Exhibit A-6 was marked for
- 22 identification.)
- 23 O. And does this Exhibit A-6 depict
- 24 that arrangement?
- 25 A. It does.

- 1 Q. At the last hearing Mr. Clemons
- 2 asked you some questions regarding the
- 3 stormwater for this project. Have you done
- 4 the full engineering plans yet for this
- 5 project?
- 6 A. Not the full engineering, no.
- 7 Q. Have you done a preliminary review
- 8 as to stormwater?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. In your professional opinion can
- 11 this project be designed and engineered as
- 12 part of the subdivision land development
- 13 approval process to adequately handle the
- 14 stormwater runoff for this project without
- 15 adversely impacting any adjacent properties?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I
- have for Mr. Costanzo at this time.
- MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I
- 20 have a question.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Yes.
- MR. ANDERSON: Back to your
- buffer, Mr. Costanzo, the 50-foot red
- line that you show on the drawing, just a
- 25 rough estimate on my part. It looks like

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your smallest building envelope is
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         probably 50 x 50 approximately?
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                   MR. COSTANZO: Approximately
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         that's about right. Actually it would be
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                  It's wider.
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         larger.
                   MR. ANDERSON: Lot 50 looks
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         like it comes out to be fairly square.
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                   MR. COSTANZO: And I would say
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         you are right on that one. 50 x 50 looks
 9
         about right. I have a scale. I could
10
         probably tell you.
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                   MR. ANDERSON: You feel for
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         what you are going to do that is plenty
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         of envelope?
                   MR. COSTANZO: That one is
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         actually 60 \times 70.
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                                  How much?
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                   MR. ANDERSON:
                   MR. COSTANZO: 60 \times 70.
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                   MR. ANDERSON: I don't have a
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         scale up here, so I was just guessing.
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                   Okay. That's all I have.
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                   MR. LAMOND: I have one
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         question real quick.
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                   My question is: What is the
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zoning of the Warrington Plumbing and

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- 1 Heating?
- 2 MR. COSTANZO: Same zoning
- district as this property, the R-2
- 4 district.
- 5 MR. LAMOND: It's the same?
- 6 MR. COSTANZO: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Mr. Clemons, do
- 8 you have any additional questions?
- 9 MR. CLEMONS: I do.
- 10 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 12 Q. First of all, with respect to the
- 13 Muirfield, Exhibit A, I take it this is your
- 14 design of this particular subdivision and
- 15 processed for approval; is that correct?
- 16 A. We designed it, yes.
- 17 Q. And would it be fair to say that
- 18 unlike these proceedings there were no
- 19 residents or persons who were contesting the
- 20 method that was used to calculate the required
- 21 means of determining the density? There
- 22 weren't any objectors who came in and said
- 23 geez, there is another way to do this?
- A. I don't recall. I can't say I go to
- 25 all of my project meetings. I work with my

- 1 staff. They may have gone to some. W.B.
- 2 likes to take charge of its own meetings, so I
- 3 can't say succinctly that I know that.
- Q. Did you go to those meetings
- 5 yourself?
- A. I did go to meetings myself.
- 7 O. And then other meetings staff went,
- 8 staff from Van Cleef Engineering went?
- 9 A. The point of this is I have no
- 10 recollection of whether it was opposed by
- 11 anybody or questioned how we did it.
- 12 Q. Okay, but what I want to explore is,
- 13 either you or your staff went to meetings
- 14 where the subdivision was discussed; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And neither you -- you don't have
- 18 any recollection of there being folks there
- 19 who contested the means at which the density
- 20 was calculated, do you?
- 21 A. That's true.
- 22 Q. And do you have any recollection of
- 23 any of your staff members coming back and
- 24 saying, geez, there was somebody else there
- 25 who was contesting this?

- 1 A. That's what I'm saying; I have no
- 2 recollection.
- MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Clemons, I
- 4 think he already answered that that he
- 5 has no recollection.
- 6 Q. And you were not the engineering
- 7 firm for the development that is described on
- 8 Exhibit A-5; is that correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. I may need a little bit of time to
- 11 go back and look at this, but I'm going to go
- 12 forward.
- 13 Turning your attention to Exhibit
- 14 A-6, take a look, if you will, at Lot 37. Lot
- 15 37 backs onto a nonresidential use, does it
- 16 not?
- 17 A. Lot 37 -- and just to let you know,
- 18 in advance of last hearing I had an exhibit
- 19 that provided clarity on that. Since it
- 20 wasn't asked, I think I provided testimony
- 21 that I provided a buffer and depicted it on
- 22 our landscape version, the rendering that is
- 23 on the floor here, but to answer your question
- 24 does it abut, there was a paper street there
- 25 which the temple is entitled, I would assume,

- 1 to take its half of that paper street, but my
- 2 plan -- our plans when we originally sketched
- 3 this, the paper street we were acknowledging
- 4 and it is not abutting a property. So this
- 5 layout for Lot 37 does not depict that 50-foot
- 6 buffer against it, but in preparation for the
- 7 hearing last time I had an exhibit with me.
- 8 In the event that the temple was acquiring
- 9 their half of that right of away, it would in
- 10 fact abut us, and I came in with an exhibit
- 11 showing how we could still comply.
- 12 Q. Do you have that with you?
- 13 A. I do.
- Q. And in terms of acquiring, for the
- 15 purpose of Lot 37, you assumed that your
- 16 client owned to the middle of that paper
- 17 street, did you not?
- 18 A. It exercised its right, yes.
- 19 Q. How did it exercise its right?
- 20 A. Just because in the comprehensive
- 21 plan there is language on paper streets that
- 22 after 21 years the owner can indeed take that,
- 23 so we are the applicant and we took that.
- 24 Q. It doesn't say can take it. It
- 25 says, "If a paper street is not opened within

- 1 21 years, then each abutting property owner
- 2 shall be deemed to own to the middle of that
- 3 paper street," correct?
- A. That's correct; something to that
- 5 effect, yes.
- 6 Q. So the temple does own -- by
- 7 operation of the same law that gave you the
- 8 right to claim to the middle of the paper
- 9 street for Lot 37, the temple owns to the
- 10 middle of that paper street, correct?
- 11 A. That's what I'm saying, but what I'm
- 12 saying to you is I have the right to change my
- 13 applicant and my property owner's line. I
- 14 have no -- I don't have surveying in his land.
- 15 His land still shows up today as not absorbing
- 16 that piece of ground. So my guys honored that
- 17 and laid out the subdivision. It wasn't until
- 18 my further studying that I said I'm coming to
- 19 this hearing with an exhibit, which I brought.
- 20 You brought up the Warrington Plumbing one,
- 21 but you didn't bring up the synagogue, so I'm
- 22 happy to show you the exhibit that still shows
- 23 that that complies as well.
- Q. But we both acknowledge that the
- 25 temple does in fact own to the center of the

- paper street, correct?
- 2 A. I would rather an attorney say that
- 3 kind of stuff. I'm an engineer.
- Q. Then let's see the exhibit you drew
- 5 that showed how you handled the 50-foot
- 6 buffer.
- 7 A. Sure.
- MR. COSTANZO: Would you like
- 9 me to mark this as an exhibit and
- 10 approach the board?
- I had another exhibit. This is
- 12 the cluster and this is the by-right
- 13 version.
- 14 Q. Which one are we marking?
- A. You said 37, so let me give you the
- 16 37 one.
- 17 MR. CLEMONS: And are we
- marking this, Mr. Gundlach, as Exhibit
- 19 A-7, the by-right plan that shows Lot 37?
- 20 MR. COSTANZO: It's really the
- same sheet that you gave up there, only
- 22 this one is marked.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Are we marking
- 24 that as I-2?
- MR. CLEMONS: I'm not prepared

- to mark it -- I already have premarked
- 2 exhibits, so --
- 3 MR. GUNDLACH: Why don't we
- 4 mark that as A-7 then.
- 5 MR. CLEMONS: If you are not
- 6 going do mark it as your own exhibit, I
- 7 will give you the exhibit number.
- MR. GUNDLACH: No; I will mark
- 9 it as A-7. That's fine. So we will call
- 10 it the buffer sketch.
- MR. CLEMONS: Temple buffer
- 12 sketch, okay.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Temple buffer
- 14 sketch, okay.
- 15 (Exhibit A-7 was marked for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 18 Q. While those are being passed out,
- 19 can you put your scale on the 50-foot buffer
- 20 and tell us what depth of the building lot
- 21 remains after that buffer is provided?
- THE COURT REPORTER: I can't
- 23 hear you, sir.
- 24 A. I think the proper term he is asking
- 25 me for would actually be the width, not the

- 1 depth.
- Q. I actually want to know both. What
- 3 is the width?
- A. The width is 38 feet and the depth
- 5 is 80 feet.
- 6 MR. ANDERSON: Excuse me one
- 7 minute. A-7 -- what did you just give
- 8 us, the by-right plan?
- 9 MR. COSTANZO: That's the
- 10 by-right version, yes.
- 11 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 12 O. And from what did you measure the
- 13 50-foot buffer with respect to Lot 37?
- 14 A. I took it -- assuming that they are
- 15 going to take their half of the paper street,
- 16 and from that common boundary line we applied
- 17 50 feet.
- 18 Q. So it's 50 feet from the boundary
- 19 line that you show as the boundary to Lot 37;
- 20 is that correct?
- 21 A. It's our tract boundary line which
- 22 went to the midpoint of that paper street.
- 23 Assuming the temple will do the same, then
- 24 they're abutting properties and then the
- 25 50-foot buffer comes into play, and that's

- 1 what we applied.
- 2 Q. And then what size town home -- I'm
- 3 sorry; duplex -- twin home did you assume
- 4 would be built on these lots in the
- 5 preparation of your by-right plan?
- 6 A. One that would fit that Lot 37. We
- 7 are not talking about building footprints on
- 8 this plan. This is about lots and intensity
- 9 and development. If I wanted a bigger one, I
- 10 would make it even bigger.
- 11 Q. Now, going back to 304.4(c).1, that
- 12 last sentence --
- 13 A. Shall I read it?
- 14 Q. Give me a second. You can go ahead
- 15 and read it.
- 16 A. "In making this determination
- 17 restricted resource protection areas must be
- 18 designated as common open space except where
- 19 specifically permitted as part of the lot
- 20 areas in Section 305."
- Q. Now, the sections of 305 that you
- 22 are citing; that is, with reference to
- 23 streams, water bodies, and wetlands, says that
- 24 those elements shall be designated as common
- 25 open space, correct?

- 1 A. That's what it says, it must be
- 2 designated as common open space.
- 3 Q. However, 304.4(c)1 says that they
- 4 have to be designated as common open space
- 5 except specifically permitted as part of lot
- 6 areas in Section 305. Is there anything in
- 7 Section 305 that specifically permits any of
- 8 these resources within the part of the lot
- 9 area?
- 10 A. Yes; specifically by reading the
- 11 entire Section 305 it doesn't tell you to
- 12 isolate, take snapshots, or look at any
- 13 sections or glimpses. It is the whole Section
- 14 305, and by using the whole Section 305 it
- 15 tells you that you need to collect these
- 16 resources in open space; therefore, other
- 17 resources can be on the lot areas. That's
- 18 what it specifically tells you, or there would
- 19 be no need to tell you that last sentence.
- 20 You could just end it with -- without that
- 21 last part that says to refer to Section 305.
- 22 Q. Which is how you prepared your
- 23 by-right plan, correct? You just laid out all
- 24 the lots and didn't give any consideration
- 25 to --

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- 1 A. No, no, no. No, no, no. I gave
- 2 full consideration specifically to Section
- 3 305. All the hundred percent resources that
- 4 305 says are protected in open space. Those
- 5 which are not, some are in open space, some
- 6 are not. I fully applied it.
- 7 Q. We're going to get to that in a
- 8 second, but if these words mean what they say,
- 9 that those resources have to be specifically
- 10 permitted as lot areas in Section 305, there
- 11 is no specific designation of resources
- 12 permitted in the lot areas, what you are doing
- 13 is interpolating from the requirement that
- 14 those three listed resources, the streams, the
- 15 water bodies and wetlands, must be in common
- 16 open space, that those are the only resources
- 17 that don't have to be on the lots; is that
- 18 correct?
- MR. GUNDLACH: Objection. That
- question has been asked and answered.
- 21 Mr. Clemons is asking the same question
- in a much longer manner, but that
- 23 question was asked and answered.
- MR. CLEMONS: Let's let him
- 25 answer it one more time.

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- 1 MR. ANDERSON: I think the
- 2 Board members have the ordinance and
- 3 heard the testimony and understand the
- 4 situation and can make a decision based
- on what both you gentlemen have said.
- Is everybody okay with that?
- 7 MR. CLEMONS: I didn't hear.
- 8 Was it overruled?
- 9 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir. No, I
- 10 overruled you, Mr. Clemons, if I'm
- allowed to do that, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 MR. CLEMONS: I didn't make the
- objection.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I was about to,
- 15 but you can do it.
- MR. ANDERSON: We sustained it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Sustained it.
- 18 MR. ANDERSON: We heard enough
- 19 of that.
- 20 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 21 Q. Let's go back, if you will,
- 22 Mr. Costanzo, to the requirements concerning
- 23 protection of resource protection areas, and,
- 24 if you will, go to the definition of resource
- 25 protection areas in the definition area of the

- 1 zoning ordinance. Will you pull up that
- 2 section, please?
- 3 A. In the definition you want me to go
- 4 to --
- 5 Q. I want you to have those open in
- front of you because I'm going to ask some
- 7 questions about them.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 MR. GUNDLACH: Mr. Clemons,
- 10 which one?
- MR. CLEMONS: There are a
- 12 number of terms that I want to ask
- 13 questions about including resource
- 14 protection area, restricted resource
- protection area, and partially unusable
- 16 area -- I'm sorry; partially unusable
- 17 land and totally unusable land.
- 18 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 19 Q. Now, you are familiar with those
- 20 terms as they are defined here in the zoning
- 21 ordinance, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- O. And you agree with me then that the
- 24 resource protection areas are areas that
- 25 contain resources which are subject to

- 1 environmental limitations that must be
- 2 protected, correct?
- 3 A. Sounds about right.
- 4 O. And that's in fact what is stated
- 5 under A, the resource protection areas,
- 6 correct, paraphrased?
- 7 A. If it is a paraphrase, I will accept
- 8 that.
- 9 O. And some of those resources are
- 10 required to be 100 percent protected and they
- 11 are called totally unusable land, correct?
- 12 A. I don't like to assume anything. I
- 13 like to read.
- 14 O. That's why I was directing your
- 15 attention to it, so you wouldn't have to.
- 16 A. Totally unusable land is the portion
- 17 of resource protection areas containing the
- 18 land which cannot be developed, including the
- 19 following: Streams, Type I; Waterbody, Type
- 20 I; and Wetlands. Those are the hundred
- 21 percent uses.
- 22 O. And then the partially unusable land
- 23 contains resource protection areas, only a
- 24 percentage of which can be disturbed; is that
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. But that other percent -- and they
- 3 use as an example steep slopes greater than 8
- 4 percent -- you still have to protect from
- 5 disturbance a percentage of those resource
- 6 protection areas?
- 7 A. Clearly from disturbance, yes.
- 8 Q. Now, in preparation of your existing
- 9 resources plan, you show by your calculations
- 10 on the existing features plan -- I want to
- 11 make sure I get these words right -- which is
- 12 Sheet 2 of 3 in your conditional use plan
- 13 set -- you show that there are .98 acres that
- 14 are totally unusable land, correct?
- 15 A. I believe that's the number, yes.
- 16 Q. And then you show that there are
- 17 13.63 acres that are partially unusable,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. That's what it says.
- 20 Q. And you have some calculations in
- 21 terms of how you came up with that with
- 22 respect to the protection areas, correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And that's contained under 6 in your
- 25 Form 307?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And for forest you only -- you
- 3 assumed a 50 percent protection, correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. Although if it is combined with
- another resource, it might be 80 percent?
- 7 A. That's right. We make note of that.
- Q. So you have 13.63 acres that are not
- 9 permitted to be disturbed based upon the
- 10 existing resources plan -- existing features
- 11 plan that you submitted with your application?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Now, in your by-right plan show
- 14 me -- well, let me ask you a question: In
- 15 terms of your by-right plan, you have an open
- 16 space summary that I want to be clear about.
- 17 It shows 6.42 acres. Are you assuming any
- 18 open space in the by-right plan?
- 19 A. That's the 6.42 acres.
- 20 Q. All right.
- 21 However, you do not show anywhere on
- the by-right plan where you will protect the
- 23 total of 13-plus acres that require
- 24 protection; is that correct?
- A. No, that's not correct. We do. You

- 1 would see them on the lots.
- 2 Q. But you have not designated how you
- 3 can create these lots and provide for a
- 4 building envelope, provide for an area of
- 5 disturbance, and still not disturb the balance
- 6 between the 6.42 acres that you place in open
- 7 space and the 13.63 acres?
- 8 A. We do not fully engineer the
- 9 by-right plan, no different than we haven't
- 10 fully engineered the cluster plan, but we made
- 11 good engineering application. We believe
- 12 intuitively you can see that that can be met.
- 13 There is only another seven acres and that
- 14 would be on the lots themselves. If I had any
- 15 difficulty with it, I could make other matters
- 16 happen, but I don't see it as a problem at
- 17 all.
- 18 Q. You're going to be involved in the
- 19 by-right plan in the disturbance of the
- 20 internal streets that you have established,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. I have 31 acres of land in total. I
- 23 need to preserve 13 with --
- 24 THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't
- 25 hear the end, sir.

- 1 A. I have a 31-acre tract of ground.
- 2 6.4 acres of this ground on this plan is being
- 3 shown in open space. Much of that would
- 4 constitute woods. The rest of the woods would
- 5 be on the lots, as we have done before in the
- 6 past in Warrington Township --
- 7 Q. Well, let's --
- 8 A. -- and how the ordinance reads, I
- 9 can put them on the lots.
- 10 Q. Let's wait a second. .98 acres of
- 11 this -- nearly an acre of this 6.42 acres is
- 12 100 percent protected land, so I assume that
- is within the open space, correct?
- MR. GUNDLACH: I'm going to
- object, Mr. Chairman. This again has
- been asked and answered. Mr. Clemons has
- 17 his own engineer here who he is prepared
- to present. We are belaboring a point.
- 19 This witness testified that he applied
- that provision. The plan complies. Let
- 21 Mr. Clemons call his own witness that he
- is going to claim that it doesn't comply
- and keep these proceedings moving, but
- 24 this witness has answered this question
- 25 and it is his opinion that it does

- 1 comply.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I believe they
- 3 have been answered substantially. Mr.
- 4 Clemons, I am going to ask you to move
- 5 on.
- 6 MR. CLEMONS: I am going to try
- 7 to move on, but I think I need to explore
- 8 how they were accounted for, so let me
- 9 ask one more question regarding that.
- 10 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 11 Q. Is there any place on your by-right
- 12 plan where you show how you are going to
- 13 distribute the balance of the required
- 14 resource protection area on the lots?
- 15 A. It is shown on the plan. One can
- 16 assume it is on the lots. I have a 30-foot
- 17 buffer up against the tract boundary. Those
- 18 woods are going to remain, and they will
- 19 actually be a part of that lot area along the
- 20 whole Lamplighter, similarly against the other
- 21 tract boundary line that I testified. Those
- 22 woods are going to remain along that tract
- 23 boundary. The balance of the woods would be
- 24 on the lots, as I kind of depict for you
- 25 woodlands, poorly on the cluster plan because

- 1 I happen to know how I have engineered and
- 2 graded that. I did it to a certain level. I
- 3 did this by-right plan and we feel comfortable
- 4 with that as well.
- 5 Q. But you have more than once tonight
- 6 spoken that intuitively you know this is
- 7 right, but you have not provided this Board
- 8 with any calculations that show how those
- 9 protected resource areas can be protected and
- 10 this by-right plan developed as shown on Sheet
- 11 4 of 4?
- MR. GUNDLACH: Objection. Now
- 13 Mr. Clemons is making closing argument
- 14 here. He has made his point. This
- 15 witness has testified as to his opinion,
- and, you know, I think we are covering
- the same ground over and over here.
- 18 Q. You tell me whether I'm correct or
- 19 not, and that's my last question.
- 20 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I'm going do
- 21 ask you to move on. I think that has
- been explained very well to this point.
- MR. CLEMONS: Okay.
- I believe you introduced an
- exhibit at the last meeting that was a

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- transition plan, and I'm not certain, Mr.
- 2 Gundlach, whether that was your exhibit.
- 3 You have a sketch plan in your exhibit
- 4 list. Was that the transition plan?
- 5 A. Are you talking about the transition
- 6 areas against certain resources?
- 7 O. Yes. You referenced that in the
- 8 letter I think dated June 24.
- 9 A. My response letter to the Township
- 10 engineer's comments, the June 6 letter?
- 11 O. Yes.
- MR. GUNDLACH: So you are
- referencing Exhibit A-3 which was the Van
- 14 Cleef response to the Township review
- 15 letter dated June 24.
- 16 MR. CLEMONS: It also
- 17 references a sketch plan. First I will
- 18 ask Mr. Gundlach to confirm whether or
- not that is A-6. You have A-6 described
- in the exhibit list as a rendering.
- MR. GUNDLACH: No, I did not
- 22 mark that.
- MR. CLEMONS: So from your view
- then, the plan is a part of the Exhibit
- 25 A-3?

- MR. GUNDLACH: Off the record
- 2 until I can clarify here.
- 3 (Discussion off the record.)
- 4 MR. GUNDLACH: Let's make this
- 5 part of A-3.
- 6 MR. CLEMONS: Then let's call
- 7 it A-3-1 or A-3-A.
- MR. GUNDLACH: We're going to
- 9 mark as A-3-A an  $8-1/2 \times 11$  plan that is
- 10 referenced in the Van Cleef reply that we
- 11 have marked as A-3.
- 12 (Exhibit A-3-A was marked for
- identification.)
- 14 A. At the last hearing I provided
- 15 testimony.
- 16 O. Well, you referenced this in your
- 17 testimony?
- 18 A. Yes, that's right.
- 19 O. Would that be a correct statement?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And you prepared this sketch in
- 22 reliance upon a provision contained at Section
- 23 2314 of the zoning ordinance as recently
- 24 amended by Ordinance 2011-04, correct?
- 25 A. Wait. The date of the amendment is

- 1 2004, the year?
- 2 Q. No; Section 2314 of the amended --
- 3 of the zoning ordinance as amended by
- 4 Ordinance 2011-04. That's the number of the
- 5 ordinance.
- A. I did provide testimony that between
- 7 the time we submitted -- we were doing sketch
- 8 planning and came in with the conditional use,
- 9 the Township did adopt an ordinance that was
- 10 brought to our attention, and we prepared this
- 11 exhibit plan to depict how our by-right lots
- 12 on that northern portion of the tract still
- 13 could comply by -- and in this case we use the
- 14 transition averaging requirement. That's why
- 15 you see red and blue on here where the
- 16 Township ordinance allows you to reduce the
- 17 50-foot transition area by no greater than
- 18 half its width, so 25, provided that you
- 19 increase the transition area elsewhere, and
- 20 that's what we did, and this plan reflects
- 21 that even distribution.
- 22 O. To be able to do that requires a
- 23 couple of things, doesn't it? First it
- 24 requires that the Board of Supervisors would
- 25 approve the reduction of the transition area

- 1 from 50 feet to 25 feet, correct?
- 2 A. That's why it's before this Board.
- 3 Q. It is not a developer decision to
- 4 reduce it. It's a matter in the discretion of
- 5 the Board?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 O. And that was not part of your
- 8 original request when you filed your
- 9 conditional use application, correct?
- 10 A. It was brought in in testimony here,
- 11 provided an exhibit to the Township engineer,
- 12 and it is in the response letter as an
- 13 exhibit. I think it's a matter before this
- 14 Board, yes.
- 15 Q. And it is also required to be the
- 16 minimum reduction for swapping the transition
- 17 area. That's another requirement, correct?
- 18 A. Without me reading it, I will go
- 19 along with what you are saying.
- 20 O. And the transition area is an area
- 21 that is restricted from filling or excavation
- 22 or disturbance or removal or dumping, correct,
- 23 under Section 2314(a)(2)(a)?
- 24 A. Not the area which you would be
- 25 able, should the Board agree, to reduce the

- 1 buffer with or transition with.
- 2 Q. Whatever the width of that
- 3 transition area is --
- A. If the Board approves, it will have
- 5 certain limitations, yes.
- 6 Q. And the purpose of that restricted
- 7 area is an area where dumping, filling,
- 8 excavation and disturbance is prohibited;
- 9 isn't that correct?
- 10 A. That seems about right, yes.
- 11 Q. As well as paving or putting up
- 12 structures?
- 13 A. True.
- 14 Q. And so you have reduced by half the
- area within the transition zone where paving
- 16 would be permitted or excavation or
- 17 disturbance; is that correct?
- 18 A. I don't think you can depict that --
- 19 I don't think you can make that
- 20 interpretation, but once this Board -- if it
- 21 were subject to allow me to do transition
- 22 averaging, which we apply, I would not have
- 23 that restriction on the red zone that is on
- 24 this plan.
- 25 Q. And that red zone is reduced by half

- 1 if the Board were to agree to permit you to
- 2 move that transition zone to the other side of
- 3 this area, correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Now, in terms of measuring this
- 6 either 50 or 25-foot buffer, you did not
- 7 include the alluvial soils that are associated
- 8 with this floodplain, did you?
- 9 A. We did not. The calculated
- 10 floodplain would take precedence. We had Nova
- 11 Consultants go out there and examine the soils
- 12 and --
- MR. CLEMONS: Objection to
- 14 whatever Nova Consultants said.
- MR. GUNDLACH: He asked the
- 16 question and now he is getting the
- answer.
- 18 MR. CLEMONS: I'm getting a
- 19 hearsay answer.
- MR. GUNDLACH: The formal Rules
- of Evidence don't apply. You asked him
- 22 to explain it and now you don't like
- 23 halfway through the answer. You want the
- yes and the no, but you don't want the
- 25 explanation. I think he should have a

- 1 right to explain it.
- 2 MR. CLEMONS: I want a
- 3 competent witness to testify, and the
- 4 rules with respect to hearsay do apply to
- 5 this proceeding.
- 6 MR. GUNDLACH: You are saying
- 7 Mr. Costanzo, who has 25 years of
- 8 experience in engineering in Bucks
- 9 County, is not a competent witness?
- MR. CLEMONS: I'm saying he is
- 11 not a competent witness to determine
- whether there are areas that are excluded
- 13 based upon another consultant.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Then you
- shouldn't have asked him. You asked him.
- 16 Bring your own witness --
- MR. CLEMONS: Well, the Board
- 18 will decide this.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I'm going to
- let him answer that question because I
- 21 want to hear the answer.
- A. A, I'm not familiar with alluvial
- 23 soils existing on the property, having had
- 24 Nova go out there, examine the site. They
- 25 gave us no reporting of that finding. They

- 1 were out there doing what they were
- 2 commissioned to do. Whenever we have a
- 3 floodplain that is delineated by FEMA, that
- 4 takes precedence over any soil limitation that
- 5 might have been there, and we applied it
- 6 against the hundred year elevation. We
- 7 plotted it, confirmed we had the correct FEMA
- 8 floodplain map, even looked at the proposed
- 9 amendment in December of this year, which may
- 10 not have been officially adopted, and we
- 11 applied the setback to it.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Thank you.
- 13 Q. Now, let's look at Section 2314,
- 14 though, without anything else, just in terms
- of what the words say. 2314(a) says,
- 16 "Transition area shall be provided along all
- 17 Type 1 streams, water bodies, natural water
- 18 courses, all wetlands, any floodplains
- 19 thereof, along with associated alluvial
- 20 soils."
- 21 So it requires a transition area
- 22 along alluvial soils. We agree with that
- 23 much, don't we, Mr. Costanzo?
- 24 A. If alluvial soils were there, one
- 25 might make that interpretation, yes.

- 1 Q. And then if we go back, still in
- 2 that new ordinance that you said you looked at
- 3 before it was adopted, if we go back to the
- 4 definition of alluvial soil in that ordinance,
- 5 which is on the page before it -- I don't know
- 6 whether you have that before you, but it
- 7 defines alluvial soils to include Bowmansville
- 8 silt loam with a symbol of Bo; is that
- 9 correct?
- MR. GUNDLACH: I'm going to
- 11 object. Mr. Costanzo is sitting here
- 12 without a copy of the ordinance that you
- are reading. If you want to show it to
- 14 him and let him read it, but --
- 15 A. I know it included Bowmansville,
- 16 yes.
- 17 O. Great.
- In your natural resources,
- 19 existing -- let me get the name of this thing
- 20 right.
- 21 In your existing features plan,
- 22 which was Sheet 2 of 4 in the conditional use
- 23 plan, take a look, if you will, and see
- 24 whether or not you didn't designate alluvial
- 25 soils -- I'm sorry -- designate Bowmansville

- 1 soils in the area where we are talking about
- 2 in this transition zone. Take a look at that
- 3 plan.
- A. I don't have to take a look. I
- 5 remember we show it as taken from the soil
- 6 survey map.
- 7 Q. So in the plan that you prepared and
- 8 submitted to the Township confirming the
- 9 existing features on the property, you
- 10 identified Bowmansville soils, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Which we agree are alluvial soils,
- 13 correct, as defined under the zoning ordinance
- 14 of Section 230.4?
- 15 A. A Bowmansville soil would be an
- 16 alluvial. Per the ordinance or per its
- 17 application it would have to be there.
- Q. And 230.4 requires that the
- 19 transition area be established from all of
- 20 those resources including alluvial soils; is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 O. And you did not measure the
- 24 transition area from the outer limits of the
- 25 alluvial soils, did you?

- A. Not by the map limits on the soil
- 2 survey. We went by what we believed to be
- 3 there.
- 4 O. Well, you used the map soils in
- 5 preparing your existing features plan,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. We did, yes.
- 8 O. But you didn't measure the
- 9 transition area from those alluvial soils
- 10 which the ordinance says is where you measure
- 11 the transition area from?
- 12 A. If they were there, I may have, but
- 13 I don't believe they are there. That's why we
- 14 didn't do it.
- 15 Q. You identified them in your original
- 16 site plan.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Objection.
- 18 Asked and answered. This is
- 19 argumentative. Mr. Costanzo has
- 20 testified that he measured the soils
- 21 based upon fieldwork that he did.
- 22 Mr. Clemons wants him to measure it from
- the soils map. That's the testimony that
- came out here and I think it has been
- 25 quite clear.

MR. CLEMONS: I'm asking that
he measure it from the resources that he
showed on the plan that he submitted to
this Board for its evaluation.

MR. GUNDLACH: And his testimony was he measured it based upon additional fieldwork and information that he received from other experts as to soil conditions.

MR. ANDERSON: What's going to take place here I think is that we all understand there's alluvial soils on this property, and when you submit a final plan, if you get that far, then you will have to identify those soils and you could theoretically lose lots based on those numbers. This is a conditional use where you don't have to prove that exact lot right now. You have to meet the criteria for conditional use. And I would say we understand that and we are able to take that into consideration that —

MR. CLEMONS: Let's understand, though, that the density, which is what

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this testimony is about, is based upon 1 how many lots you can establish on a 2 by-right plan and that the by-right plan 3 has to conform with the zoning ordinance 4 requirements, so it's not a matter for 5 later subdivision. It's a matter of 6 determining what density is permitted in 7 this conditional use plan and to evaluate 8 if the number of lots in that by-right 9 plan are accurate, and that's the purpose 10 for my asking. 11 MR. ANDERSON: I think you made 12 13 your point very well and the Board may ask to see that data before we rule on 14 this. 15 MR. CLEMONS: Beg your pardon? 16 17 MR. ANDERSON: We may ask to see that data before we rule on this; 18 that's for sure. 19 I have no other MR. CLEMONS: 20 questions for Mr. Costanzo. 21 MR. GUNDLACH: Just a few 22 followup ones, Mr. Chairman. 23 2.4

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- 1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- 3 Q. So, Mr. Costanzo, the plan that
- 4 Mr. Clemons was referencing in this last line
- of questions, was that the by-right plan?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And the by-right plan is simply used
- 8 in this case for determining the permitted
- 9 density level; is that a fair statement?
- 10 A. That's the purpose of why it was
- 11 submitted, yes.
- 12 Q. Is the applicant proposing to the
- 13 Township to develop this property pursuant to
- 14 the by-right plan?
- 15 A. No, it's not.
- 16 Q. And in your professional opinion, do
- 17 you believe that you properly applied the
- 18 ordinance referenced by Mr. Clemons in the
- 19 identification of the transition soils or the
- 20 transition area?
- 21 A. I do.
- MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I
- have.
- 24
- 25

## RECROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. CLEMONS:

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- 3 Q. You do agree that the lot yield on
- 4 the by-right plan could be affected by whether
- 5 these transition area lines and other natural
- 6 resource areas are properly accounted for
- 7 however, would you not?
- 8 A. Mr. Anderson gave you that answer
- 9 and I agree with Mr. Anderson, yes.
- 10 O. Mr. Anderson is not a witness here.
- 11 He's going to be a judge. He's a lot of
- 12 things but not a witness.
- A. But you are asking me again if it's
- 14 true.
- 15 Q. If there is an objection, that will
- 16 be raised by Mr. Gundlach. I'm asking you a
- 17 question and I just want to know if you agree
- 18 that if you put the transition area in the
- 19 middle of the road, for example, you wouldn't
- 20 be able to provide a road to some of the lots
- 21 that you call for in the by-right plan?
- 22 A. I want this Board to give me relief
- 23 to reduce it by 25 and I could put the road
- 24 in.
- 25 MR. CLEMONS: Great. Thank

- 1 you. No other questions.
- 2 MR. GUNDLACH: My next
- 3 witness --
- 4 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I'm just going
- 5 to advise you at this point in time you
- 6 have basically 25 minutes left on the
- 7 hour and a half that we have allotted.
- 8 MR. GUNDLACH: Okay.
- 9 Mark Roth.
- Mr. Roth was not here, so I am
- going to need to have him sworn.
- 12 ...MARK A. ROTH, P.E., having
- 13 been duly sworn, was examined and
- 14 testified as follows:
- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION ON VOIR DIRE
- 16 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- Q. Mr. Roth, what is your occupation?
- 18 A. I'm a traffic engineer.
- 19 Q. And what is your educational
- 20 background?
- 21 A. I have a bachelor's of science
- 22 degree in civil engineering from Drexel
- 23 University with a concentration in
- 24 transportation.
- Q. And how long have you been a traffic

- 1 engineer?
- 2 A. For close to 20 years.
- 3 Q. What types of licenses do you hold?
- A. I have a professional engineer's
- 5 license in Pennsylvania as well as in New
- 6 Jersey.
- 7 Q. And where are you currently
- 8 employed?
- 9 A. With McMahon Associates in Fort
- 10 Washington, PA.
- 11 Q. And could you generally describe the
- 12 type of clients that McMahon represents and
- 13 the type of work that you perform for these
- 14 clients?
- 15 A. We perform generally traffic
- 16 engineering design services for developers,
- 17 municipalities, state DOTs, county work, MPOs
- 18 such as DVRPC and so forth. We do traffic
- 19 studies, corridor studies, anything related to
- 20 transportation. And, as I said before, we do
- 21 transportation design, highway design, signal
- 22 design, intersection design.
- Q. Mr. Roth, I'm showing you a copy of
- 24 your CV. Does this adequately reflect your
- 25 credentials in the field of traffic

- 1 engineering?
- 2 A. Yes, it does.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: Are we going to
- 4 mark that as Exhibit A-5 because it is on
- 5 a premarked -- I'm sorry. I withdraw
- 6 that question.
- 7 MR. GUNDLACH: I believe we are
- 8 up to A-8.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PAUL: A-8?
- 10 Mr. Clemons, so we don't have
- 11 to listen to all of this -- I am familiar
- with who he is -- will you agree that he
- is a qualified individual?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Then we are
- 16 recognizing Mr. Roth as an expert in the
- 17 field of traffic engineering?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes.
- 19 (Exhibit A-8 was marked for
- 20 identification.)
- 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- Q. Mr. Roth, are you familiar with the
- 24 subject property and the area surrounding the
- 25 property?

- 1 A. Yes, I am.
- 2 Q. Are you familiar with the
- 3 improvements and uses proposed by the
- 4 applicant for the subject property?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And have you personally visited the
- 7 property?
- 8 A. Yes, I have.
- 9 Q. And you are familiar with the
- 10 features of the property and the surrounding
- 11 roadway network?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And have you reviewed the
- 14 conditional use plan set that we marked as
- 15 Exhibit T-4 as part of these proceedings?
- 16 A. Yes, I am.
- 17 O. In your professional opinion is the
- 18 proposed internal road circulation on this
- 19 property as depicted on the cluster plan as
- 20 part of T-4 adequate from a traffic
- 21 perspective?
- 22 A. Yes, it is.
- 23 Q. How so?
- A. As depicted on the plan, Thomas Road
- 25 connects both Phillips Avenue to Bradford

- 1 Avenue, which are two streets within the
- 2 township. The same holds true for Deacon Lane
- 3 extension. It connects Phillips Avenue to
- 4 Bradford, and then Lincoln Street, as depicted
- 5 on the plan, the cul de sac connects to
- 6 Phillips, and then eventually both Phillips
- 7 and Bradford connect to Street Road.
- 8 Q. Now, have you performed an
- 9 investigation as to the existing traffic
- 10 conditions in the area of the subject property
- 11 and performed an analysis as to the impact
- 12 that this project will have on the surrounding
- 13 roadways?
- A. Yes, we prepared a traffic impact
- 15 study for the site.
- 16 Q. And could you briefly summarize for
- the Board the results of your investigation?
- 18 A. Based on the analysis in that
- 19 traffic impact study, there were no adverse
- 20 impacts to the surrounding studied
- 21 intersections. All of the studied
- 22 intersections during both the weekday morning
- 23 and weekday afternoon peak hours, which were
- 24 the hours that we studied, operated overall
- 25 level service A in 2011 and will operate at

- 1 the overall level service after development is
- 2 complete in 2013.
- 3 O. Now, I'm showing you a document that
- 4 we have marked as T-7 titled "Transportation
- 5 Impact Study" for this proposed project dated
- 6 March of 2011. Are you familiar with this
- 7 report?
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- 9 Q. And does this report accurately set
- 10 forth the results of your investigation and
- 11 analysis?
- 12 A. Yes, it does.
- 13 Q. Now, are you also familiar with the
- 14 review letter prepared by Carroll Engineering
- 15 that has been marked as A-2 and is dated June
- 16 6, 2011?
- 17 A. Yes, I am.
- 18 O. Have you reviewed the comments
- 19 contained therein that relate to traffic?
- 20 A. Yes, I have.
- Q. How would you generally describe
- 22 those comments?
- 23 A. The specific comments related to
- 24 traffic which are located on Page 4 of that
- 25 letter are minor in nature. They refer to a

- 1 level of service, and we have addressed those
- 2 comments in our response letter dated June 24,
- 3 2011, and I have also discussed that comment
- 4 and our response with the Township's traffic
- 5 engineer on June 22.
- 6 Q. And let me mark then -- you're
- 7 referencing a letter that has been submitted
- 8 to the Township dated June 24, 2011. If I
- 9 can, I will mark that as A-9.
- 10 (Exhibit A-9 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- 12 Q. Now, this letter, Mr. Roth, is in
- 13 response to the Township engineer's letter as
- 14 to traffic comments with respect to this plan
- 15 and your study?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. Could you please briefly summarize
- 18 the comments contained in this letter without
- 19 reading verbatim, because the Board has a full
- 20 copy and can review this letter themselves.
- 21 Give a quick summary as to the comment that
- 22 the Township engineer made and your reply as
- 23 to how that comment can and has been
- 24 addressed.
- 25 A. The comment letter specifically

- 1 states in the municipal code, Chapter 27,
- 2 Section 2505(f) that all roadways and/or
- 3 intersections showing a level of service of D,
- 4 E or F or v/c greater than one should be
- 5 considered deficient, but it goes on to point
- 6 out that one of the approaches, Phillips
- 7 Avenue to Street Road, during the weekday
- 8 morning peak hours operates at a level of
- 9 service D during that morning peak hours, and
- 10 therefore they considered it to be deficient.
- In our response to that letter as
- 12 well as our followup phone call with the
- 13 Township traffic engineer, we go on to state
- 14 that all intersections overall operate at
- 15 level service A, and that is stated in the
- 16 ordinance, intersections operation and not
- 17 approach or movement.
- 18 The comment goes on to talk about a
- 19 movement rather than a complete intersection,
- 20 so our opinion is that all intersections
- 21 operate within the requirements of the
- 22 ordinance as written.
- 23 Q. And then there are a few other
- 24 remaining comments there?
- 25 A. Yes. There are some other comments

- and those comments weren't specifically raised
- 2 by the Township traffic engineer but were in
- 3 the review letter and were asked by my office
- 4 or by the applicant and your office to address
- 5 those comments.
- 6 Q. I believe there were two comments
- 7 from the review letter, B-1 and B-4. If you
- 8 can briefly identify them and how they were
- 9 addressed?
- 10 A. Right. The first, B-1, states the
- 11 layout of Thomas Street, and they are
- 12 referring to it as New Street, could encourage
- 13 traffic to come through between Phillips
- 14 Avenue and Bradford Avenue. What we did lay
- 15 out in our response was potential traffic
- 16 common measures that could be incorporated
- 17 into the final plan to reduce speeds and
- 18 discourage cut-through traffic, those being
- 19 allowing parking, using increased signage,
- 20 line striping, land staining, aisles, pavement
- 21 markings as such.
- These measures, of course, would
- 23 have to be presented to the Township and
- 24 discussed in more detail with the Township at
- 25 a later time.

- 1 The other comment, B-4, refers to
- 2 the by-right plan and the intersections of
- 3 Lincoln Street and New Court being less than
- 4 the required minimum distances of 800 feet.
- 5 In review of the ordinance and the
- 6 definition of such, the classification of the
- 7 streets in the ordinance is determined by the
- 8 ADT or how much traffic is expected on that
- 9 particular roadway during a 24-hour period.
- 10 Based on the number of lots that would serve
- 11 on those residential streets and the
- 12 calculations that we performed, those would be
- 13 lower than 200 vehicles for the entire day and
- 14 therefore it's our opinion that it is a
- 15 residential street and therefore that 800-foot
- 16 separation between the intersection is not
- 17 applicable.
- 18 Q. In your professional opinion have
- 19 you addressed all the traffic-related comments
- 20 set forth in the Township engineer's letter?
- 21 A. Yes, I have.
- 22 Q. Now a few questions related to the
- 23 conditional use application.
- In your professional opinion is
- 25 there safe access that has been proposed into

- 1 the proposed project?
- 2 A. Yes, there is. As I mentioned
- 3 before, the connectivity of the streets to
- 4 Phillips and Bradford and the connection
- 5 between those two streets as well as the
- 6 ingressing and egressing movements have proper
- 7 sight distance. They meet both minimum and
- 8 desirable sight distance calculations per
- 9 PennDOT standards, so for that reason the
- 10 operational analysis that we did, it is our
- 11 opinion that there is safe egress and ingress
- 12 movement to the site.
- 13 Q. In your professional opinion does
- 14 the proposed project create any hazardous
- 15 conditions on the surrounding roadways or
- 16 create any undue traffic congestion?
- A. In my opinion, no. The proposed 48
- 18 homes would generate 44 trips both -- that's
- 19 combined, entering and exiting, so a total of
- 20 44 trips in a weekday morning and 54 trips in
- 21 a weekday afternoon, which is less than one
- 22 per minute; therefore, it is our opinion that
- 23 it would not create undue traffic congestion
- 24 in our analysis.
- 25 Q. In your professional opinion is the

- 1 internal site circulation adequately and
- 2 safely designed on the conditional use plan?
- A. Yes, it is. As I mentioned before,
- 4 the connection of the streets as well as the
- 5 sight distances are met and operationally they
- 6 are safe.
- 7 Q. In your professional opinion will
- 8 the Township's transportation network and
- 9 adjacent and surrounding streets and
- 10 intersections be able to efficiently and
- 11 safely accommodate any increase in the traffic
- 12 volumes associated with this project?
- 13 A. Yes, they will.
- 14 Q. And, finally, in your professional
- opinion are any off-site road improvements
- 16 necessary in order to accommodate the traffic
- impact projected from this proposed project?
- 18 A. No. Based on the analysis that we
- 19 did and the amount of traffic that would be
- 20 generated by this project, there are no
- 21 traffic improvements needed or mitigated --
- 22 needed to mitigate beyond the current
- 23 intersectional design control, so basically no
- 24 warrants are satisfied for PennDOT on
- 25 additional turn lanes or traffic signals.

- 1 MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I
- 2 have for Mr. Roth at this time, Mr.
- 3 Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Mr. Clemons.
- 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 7 Q. Mr. Roth, in performing your
- 8 investigation in preparation of your traffic
- 9 impact statement, did you personally visit the
- 10 site and specifically Phillips Avenue and the
- 11 intersection with Street Road?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And during what time of day did you
- 14 visit the site?
- 15 A. I visited during the a.m. peak at
- 16 one point and another day during the p.m.
- 17 peak.
- 18 Q. You agree, regardless of what the
- 19 traffic study says, they have a good deal of
- 20 traffic there, right?
- 21 A. Street Road does carry a good amount
- 22 of traffic, yes.
- Q. And does the traffic queue up? Does
- 24 traffic back up? Was there more than one
- 25 vehicle when you were there waiting to turn

- 1 onto Street Road during the peak hours when
- 2 you visited?
- 3 A. During my visits there was one
- 4 vehicle queued up at any one given time, but I
- 5 did not see any large queue of vehicles, no, I
- 6 did not.
- 7 O. And did you measure the amount of
- 8 time it took vehicles to enter onto Street
- 9 Road from Phillips?
- 10 A. I personally did not measure that
- 11 time, no. The analysis did that.
- 12 O. Now, I notice that you classified
- 13 the cul-de-sac street and the New Court as
- 14 residential streets. How would you classify
- 15 Phillips Avenue with respect to your road
- 16 classification, a residential street also?
- 17 A. I'm not aware of the daily volumes
- on that road, the peak volumes on that road,
- 19 so I'm sorry, I could not answer that
- 20 question.
- 21 Q. You agree it is not a major
- 22 thoroughfare?
- 23 A. I would agree it does not have the
- 24 traffic associated with a major thoroughfare.
- Q. It is not even a through-road, is

- 1 it? It goes into the Villas at Lamplighter?
- 2 A. I do not believe it connects to any
- 3 other street other than Street Road.
- 4 MR. CLEMONS: Thank you,
- 5 Mr. Roth. I have no other questions.
- 6 MR. GUNDLACH: No redirect.
- 7 MS. ACHENBACH: You said you
- 8 did a traffic study during the weekdays.
- 9 I didn't hear you say on the weekends.
- 10 Did you do any kind of traffic study on
- 11 the weekend?
- 12 MR. ROTH: Typically for a
- 13 residential development, current
- 14 standards as well as the way the Township
- ordinance is written is that it is during
- 16 the weekday morning and afternoon
- 17 commuter peak.
- MR. ANDERSON: Do you have the
- 19 dates and times when you did it and can
- you supply them to us, please?
- MR. ROTH: The counts were
- taken during the morning peak, which is
- 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. That would be on
- February 15 of 2011 as well as February
- 25 16 of 2011.

CHAIRMAN PAUL: Are we going to 1 be supplied with that material? 2 MR. ANDERSON: Did you say the 3 And what was the other date? 16th? 4 MR. ROTH: 15th, 16th and 17th. 5 MR. ANDERSON: All at the same 6 time? 7 MR. ROTH: Yes, whether it be 8 the morning or afternoon peak, those were 9 10 the days that we counted. MR. ANDERSON: What was the 11 afternoon time? 12 13 MR. ROTH: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 14 p.m. MS. ACHENBACH: Would there be 15 another one done in the spring? Given 16 the winter -- I don't know if there are 17 that many people, but maybe there are 18 more in the spring. I don't know if 19 20 those numbers could change. MR. ROTH: Actually we look at 21 factors for that. Typically we just do 22 them during school times, not necessarily 23 during winter or spring months. 24 25 CHAIRMAN PAUL: I have another

- 1 question here. I realize this is
- 2 probably not the time for some of this,
- 3 but since it is right in front of me I'm
- 4 going to ask it.
- 5 . Without spreading out the
- 6 large copy or the large print, you have
- 7 Lincoln Court coming out to Street Road
- 8 as an additional exit. Where is the one
- g across the street that comes out of New
- 10 Court?
- MR. ROTH: I think I can answer
- 12 that question.
- Mr. Chairman, I believe the
- 14 plan you are looking at is referring to
- the by-right plan rather than the
- 16 proposed plan. The traffic study that we
- 17 prepared was for the application or the
- 18 cluster plan.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PAUL: And that
- Lincoln Street is a cul-de-sac; is that
- 21 correct?
- MR. ROTH: Lincoln Street at --
- currently provided, Lincoln Street is a
- 24 cul-de-sac street on the plan provided,
- 25 yes.

CHAIRMAN PAUL: That answers 1 that question. 2 MR. PLOTNICK: You changed the 3 name to Lincoln Court, right? 4 MR. ROTH: Lincoln Court is the 5 cul-de-sac street. 6 CHAIRMAN PAUL: The plan I have 7 here shows it exiting to Street Road, and 8 I just wanted to clarify that. It's on 9 the plan here. 10 Does anybody else have any 11 questions? 12 MR. LAMOND: Actually I have a 13 question. 14 Phillips Road is a private 15 16 road, correct? MR. ROTH: I'm not aware of 17 that. The attorneys would have to say 18 19 that. MR. LAMOND: I believe it is a 20 state private road. The roads are going 21 to be dedicated that they are going to 22 develop, correct? 23 MR. GUNDLACH: If you don't 24 know, you can say you don't know. 25

MR. ROTH: I don't know. 1 MR. LAMOND: My concern is that 2 we have roads that are going to be 3 dedicated to the Township or possibly 4 dedicated to the Township that are going 5 to be able to be tied into Township 6 roads, so you are going to have Township vehicles using private roads that they 8 don't have the right to use. MR. GUNDLACH: It's a good 10 question. I would ask if you can hold 11 it. My witness at the next hearing, 12 because we are not going to get to him 13 tonight, will address that point. 14 Just be forewarned MR. LAMOND: 15 that is one of the questions that I have. 16 If you can MR. GUNDLACH: 17 indulge me for two minutes, I have one 18 witness that is here that will take about 19 two minutes to talk about the 20 architectural appearance of the homes and 21 the one requirement under the conditional 22 use ordinance. 23 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Okay. Thank 24 25 you.

- 1 MR. GUNDLACH: Mr. Joe
- 2 Morrissey from NV Homes.
- 3 Mr. Morrissey, you were not
- 4 here at the last hearing either. If you
- 5 could be sworn.
- 6 ... JOSEPH MORRISSEY, having
- 7 been duly sworn, was examined and
- 8 testified as follows:
- 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. GUNDLACH
- 11 Q. Mr. Morrissey, where are you
- 12 currently employed?
- 13 A. For NV Homes.
- 14 Q. And how long have you been with NV
- 15 Homes?
- 16 A. Since 1996.
- Q. What is your position there?
- 18 A. I'm the division manager/vice
- 19 president, overseeing all home construction in
- 20 the Philadelphia suburbs.
- O. What does NV Homes do?
- 22 A. NV Homes buys finished lots from
- 23 developers and builds single family and town
- 24 homes for our customers kind of moving
- 25 forward.

- 1 O. You don't install the site
- 2 improvements?
- 3 A. We do not.
- Q. So the applicant or the person whom
- 5 you are purchasing the lots from would
- 6 install -- obtain all of the approvals and
- 7 install all the site improvements and deal
- 8 with the Township in connection with the
- 9 installation of those improvements?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. So you simply buy the lots approved
- 12 and improved and ready to pull a building
- 13 permit?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And have you worked with this
- 16 applicant on previous occasions?
- 17 A. Yes, we have.
- Q. Are you familiar with the subject
- 19 property and the area surrounding the
- 20 property?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Are you generally familiar with
- 23 Warrington Township?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And are you familiar with the

- 1 improvements and uses proposed for this
- 2 property as part of the subdivision?
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- 4 Q. And are you familiar with the
- 5 conditional use plan set that we have marked
- 6 as T-4 that depicts the cluster layout which
- 7 we have now on the easel?
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- 9 Q. Does NV Homes have experience with
- 10 the construction of homes in communities
- 11 consisting of two family semidetached
- 12 dwellings?
- 13 A. Yes, we do.
- 14 Q. What is that experience?
- 15 A. NV is part of a larger parent
- 16 company called NVR, Incorporated, which is
- 17 made up of four or five different home
- 18 builders. We do roughly 10,000 homes a year
- 19 all over the East Coast and into the Midwest.
- 20 Historically what we call a twin community
- 21 might make up 10 percent of our business.
- 22 Q. Have you performed an analysis as to
- 23 a determination if there is a market for this
- 24 type of product --
- 25 A. Yes, we have.

- 1 Q. -- in Warrington Township?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What did you determine?
- A. What we determined is the product
- 5 that we are looking at here is town homes that
- 6 start in the 370's. Base square footage is
- 7 2,100 square feet. We will include a finished
- 8 basement, which will take it up to about 2,800
- 9 square feet. From our analysis in this
- 10 market, it is a very desirable place to be.
- 11 There's very little competition. It is a
- 12 two-car front-load garage. It meets all the
- 13 requirements. We feel it would be extremely
- 14 successful in this community.
- 15 Q. And you feel there is a demand for
- 16 this type of product?
- 17 A. There is definitely a demand.
- 18 O. What type of exterior materials will
- 19 be used to construct these homes?
- 20 A. We are going to do some stone, some
- 21 stucco, different kinds of siding from cement
- 22 board to shake to vinyl siding.
- Q. And I'm going to show you a
- 24 rendering of proposed homes. Does this
- 25 rendering accurately depict the type of home

- 1 that is proposed --
- 2 A. Yes, it does.
- 3 O. -- on this site?
- 4 A. Correct.
- Q. And generally those materials are
- 6 consistent with what is proposed?
- 7 A. Yes. The materials would be very
- 8 similar. The only change is we give the
- 9 customer the opportunity to decide their color
- 10 schemes, so the color schemes might be
- 11 slightly different, but what you see with the
- 12 stone wire cable, the different siding,
- 13 stucco, the metal roofs, the dormers, the
- 14 porticos over the front doors, all of that
- 15 would be pretty much exactly how you see that.
- 16 Q. And based on your familiarity with
- 17 the marketplace, do you feel that the
- 18 appearance of these homes as depicted on this
- 19 rendering is suitable for Warrington Township
- 20 and compatible with the surrounding community?
- 21 A. I think it will fit in very well
- 22 with Warrington Township and I think it will
- 23 be desirable for the people that purchase it.
- MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I
- 25 have.

#### 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 3 O. Mr. Morrissey, do you have a written
- 4 agreement with the applicant providing that NV
- 5 Homes will have the right and will be
- 6 obligated to construct homes as you've
- 7 testified to in this subdivision?
- 8 A. We do.
- 9 Q. You do have an agreement, okay.
- 10 Great.
- Now, what will be the -- let me back
- 12 up a second.
- And is that agreement specific as to
- 14 type of materials and designs?
- 15 A. It doesn't specify materials. It is
- 16 more a footprint type of house.
- Q. And is the footprint that you have
- 18 agreement with similar to the footprint that
- 19 is shown in the rendering?
- 20 A. Identical.
- Q. Now, if you will, take a look at the
- 22 conditional use plan. Specifically look at
- 23 the way the driveway layout in the conditional
- 24 use plan is depicted. Just take a look at
- 25 that.

- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. Do you see it?
- 3 A. Yes. Where the driveways show that
- 4 they are next to each other?
- 5 O. Yes. That is not consistent with
- 6 your rendering, is it?
- 7 A. That is not consistent, correct.
- Q. And what is the footprint of the
- 9 twin that is shown in your rendering?
- 10 A. The twin in the rendering is 30 wide
- 11 x 55 deep.
- 12 Q. And have you determined whether a 30
- 13  $\times$  55 footprint will fit within the footprint
- 14 that is shown on the conditional use plan?
- 15 A. It does, yes.
- MR. CLEMONS: Thanks. I have
- no other questions.
- MR. GUNDLACH: One followup
- 19 question.
- 20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. GUNDLACH:
- Q. On the driveway design, if you had
- 23 to build the homes per the conditional use
- 24 plans by putting the driveways together, could
- 25 you do that?

- 1 A. You could definitely do that.
- Q. Would it be your preference to
- 3 spread those driveways apart as depicted on
- 4 this plan?
- 5 A. Our preference with these homes that
- 6 we have built is it looks better if garages
- 7 are separate and it is more desirable for the
- 8 people that live there. If you put two
- 9 two-car garages right next to each other, it
- 10 is just less desirable, but you can build it
- 11 either way.
- MR. GUNDLACH: That's all I
- have.
- MR. CLEMONS: No further
- 15 questions.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Then we have
- 17 reached our allotted time period, so I'm
- going to continue this until the 26th.
- 19 MR. ANDERSON: Can I ask a
- 20 question?
- Mr. Gundlach, how many more
- 22 witnesses are you going to have?
- MR. GUNDLACH: I have one short
- 24 witness that is going to talk about
- 25 Phillips.

MR. CLEMONS: I have one 1 consultant witness, and I don't know 2 whether I will call him. 3 MR. ANDERSON: So one more hearing? Can we wrap this up in how 5 long? 6 MR. GUNDLACH: About an hour and a half, the same time as tonight. 8 MR. ANDERSON: I just want to 9 see if we can wrap it up in one more 10 In fairness to the audience, meeting. 11 let's try to wrap it up in one more 12 meeting, and I would ask the chairman to 13 put aside enough time to make sure we can 14 do that at the next meeting to keep our 15 agenda so we can handle this. 16 So long as MR. CLEMONS: 17 Mr. Gundlach doesn't ask any questions, I 18 think we can do that. 19 MR. ANDERSON: I'm sure he will 20 have a few questions. 21 And I would like to make a 22 statement that there has been an awful 23 lot of testimony here and the Board has 24 the option to rule on that immediate or

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- 1 take time, and I would like to ask how 2 long it will take to have the official 3 record to the Board. THE COURT REPORTER: I don't 5 know what arrangements have been made, 6 but our normal delivery is ten business days. 8 MR. ANDERSON: I would like to 9 be able to read the official record, 1.0 since there has been so much testimony, 11 and after reading that, whether we would 12 have any more questions and maybe bring 13 some people back, if necessary. I think 14 there has been a lot of things presented. 15 MR. PLOTNICK: One question: 16 Do you think that Mr. Costanzo could do 17 his more careful calculation of the 18 alluvial soils and have that for us for 19 the next meeting so we can determine if 20 the by-right comes out to 50? 21 THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear the end of it. 22 23 MR. ANDERSON: The question was
- delineate what the alluvial soils can be

can we have some kind of a report to

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- so we can determine the size of the
- 2 lots -- the number of the lots rather.
- 3 MR. GUNDLACH: I will call
- 4 Mr. Costanzo first to answer that
- 5 specific question.
- 6 MR. ANDERSON: And keep it
- 7 short.
- MR. GUNDLACH: Let me note for
- 9 the record that I'm marking as A-10 a
- 10 rendering that we have on the board, and
- 11 behind the rendering are the floor plans.
- 12 (Exhibit A-10 was marked for
- identification.)
- 14 MR. GUNDLACH: If I can ask
- Mr. Morrissey, do these floor plans
- 16 generally depict the type of product that
- will be built behind this?
- 18 MR. MORRISSEY: That will be
- 19 identical to what we built.
- MR. LAMOND: One question for
- you. I see that you are saying it is 30
- x 55 is the size of the houses?
- MR. MORRISSEY: Right.
- MR. LAMOND: How much room is
- 25 there left over for a deck?

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1 MR. MORRISSEY: There is 2 actually a fair amount of room left over 3 for a deck. We would expect a 10- to 4 18-foot deck to be able to fit off the 5 back. 6 MR. LAMOND: Because we have 7 had problems in the past where they have 8 actually filled the entire envelope up 9 where there is no room for a deck, and I 10 want to make sure we have room for all of 11 that. 12 MR. MORRISSEY: We will. 13 CHAIRMAN PAUL: Any other 1.4 questions from the Board? I know we have some questions out there, but since they 15 16 are not a party of record you have a right to ask the question, but I want to 17 18 close the hearing and you will be able to 19 ask your questions. 20 At this point in time I'm going 21 to close the hearing. 22 MR. GUNDLACH: We are going to 23 announce the new date on the record, 24 Mr. Chairman?

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CHAIRMAN PAUL:

It is the 24th

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                     MR. GUNDLACH: So the next
          hearing is set for July 26th at 7:30
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                     CHAIRMAN PAUL: Yes.
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# ATTACHMENT "B"

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Tim,

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Only M&T Bank and National Penn Bank were viable bidders and chose not to compete.

Sorry for the delay in getting this to you.

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Jeff-

Just a reminder to provide me with the PDF backup materials for the TD America bid. I'll place in the Board's digital read file tonight in the event there are any questions.

Tim

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