

WHEREAS, The South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners has conducted a public hearing pursuant to public notice concerning the following amendments to the South Whitehall Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after public hearing pursuant to public notice, The South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners desires to ordain and enact the amendments to the South Whitehall Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as set forth hereinafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by The South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, to wit:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Amendment 1. Amend Section 312-23(b) by replacing all of the existing subsections in their entirety with the following:

(1) The plan shall be drawn at one of the following scales: 1" = 20'; 1" = 30'; 1" = 40'; 1"=50'; 1"=60; 1" = 80'; 1"=100'.

(2) The plan sheet size shall be 24" x 36", 30" x 42", or other size pre-approved by the Township Engineer and permitted by the Lehigh County Recorder of Deeds.

(3) All sheets shall be the same size, and be numbered relative to the total number of sheets (e.g., 1 of 5, etc.).

(4) The plan(s) to be recorded shall include an index referencing each plan sheet in the plan set bearing the date and last revision date of each plan sheet. Each plan proposed to be recorded shall be identified in the index.

(5) A title block at the bottom center or at the bottom right of the plan showing:

(A) Name under which the subdivision is to be recorded.

(B) Scale.

(C) Date of plan and dates of all revisions.

(D) Name and address of the owner and of the Applicant, if different.

(E) Name and address of registered engineer or surveyor who prepared the plan.

(11) A location map at a scale not more than one thousand (1,000) feet to the inch; this map must show:

- (A) Relation of tract to adjoining property.
- (B) Related road and highway system within one thousand (1,000) feet of the subdivision tract.
- (C) Municipal boundaries within one thousand (1,000) feet of the subdivision tract.
- (D) Zoning district boundaries within one thousand (1,000) feet of the subdivision tract.
- (E) Watercourses and any other areas subject to flooding (flood zones).

(12) Boundaries of the tract showing bearings and distances and having an error of closure not to exceed one foot (1') in ten thousand feet (10,000). All bearings and distances shall be indicated outside the boundary line not inside with the lot dimensions. When a plan is bounded with an irregular shore line of a body of water, the bearings and distances of a closing intermediate traverse should be given and a notation made that the plot includes all land to the water's edge or otherwise. The survey should tie into the nearest United States Geological Survey monument or other established benchmark, if feasible.

(13) Proposed lot layout with dimensions to the nearest foot and net lot areas to nearest square foot.

(14) Building setback lines.

(15) Topographic contours at vertical intervals of two (2) feet.

(16) The Datum to which contour elevations refer shall be tied to an established vertical datum preferably the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) and/or provide applicable conversions to this datum. The benchmark should be shown on all applicable plans.

(17) The names of owners of immediately adjacent land, and the names of existing or proposed subdivisions immediately adjacent.

(18) All existing watercourses, wetlands, bodies of water, floodplain, significant tree masses and other significant features such as rock outcrops, slag piles, quarry holes, springs, and swampy areas. All trees over six (6) inches in diameter at a height of 4.5 feet above adjacent grade.

(19) The locations, size and owners of existing buildings, sewer mains, water lines, storm sewers, culverts, petroleum or petroleum products lines, gas lines, transmission lines, fire hydrants, underground tanks, wells, septic systems within one-hundred (100) feet of the tract, and other significant man-made features.

(32) Other information which may be required by the Township Engineer or Township Planning Commission in accordance with this ordinance or other applicable laws or regulations.

(33) A note shall be provided on each plan to be recorded which indicates that: "This plan has been reviewed by the Township Staff and Township Engineer for consistency with municipal regulations and ordinances relating to land usage and dimensional requirements of zoning. Investigations regarding peripheral land and plan issues which are not required as part of a review process such as clarity of title, subsurface conditions including but not limited to, soil and water quality, karst geological activity, and historic and archeological issues, or such other issues (as appropriate) that may affect the merchantability of the land, have not been investigated or reviewed by the Township or the Township Engineer. The Township and Township Engineer make no representation or warranty concerning these issues, which should be addressed by qualified professionals, commissioned by the Applicant and/or land owner(s) as appropriate, and engaged in the appropriate field of practice. Dimensions and geometry of the property boundary and any internal lots and streets have been overviewed with respect to applicable ordinance standards for mathematical completeness, clarity of depiction, consistency, closure, and area (only). The research for and determination and location of property lines, street rights-of-way, and other easements, etc. are the responsibility of the Surveyor of Record whose seal appears on this plan, and have not been independently confirmed or verified by the Township, the Township Engineer, or the Township Solicitor."

Amendment 2. Amend Section 312-10(a) by adding subsections (6) and (7) as follows:

(6) The Applicant shall transmit one (1) copy of the plan to Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) and submit proof of transmittal to the Township.

(7) The Applicant shall transmit one (1) copy of the plan to the United States Postal Service and submit proof of transmittal to the Township.

Amendment 3. Amend Section 312-12(b) by replacing the existing subsection (41) in its entirety with the following:

(41) A Zoning Plan showing historical zoning relief, and all zoning requirements, such as, but not limited to: existing and proposed use, lot area, road frontage and setbacks, road centerline, legal and ultimate rights-of-way, impervious surface amounts/lot coverage, buffer strips, driveway separation distances between driveways and intersections of public streets, parking lot illumination, proposed and required parking criteria, and anything pertinent to Section 350-42.

Amendment 4. Amend Section 312-22(f) by replacing the existing subsection (1) in its entirety with the following:

(1) The Township Board of Commissioners shall endorse said approval under such conditions as follows:

Approved _____ by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of South Whitehall. DATE

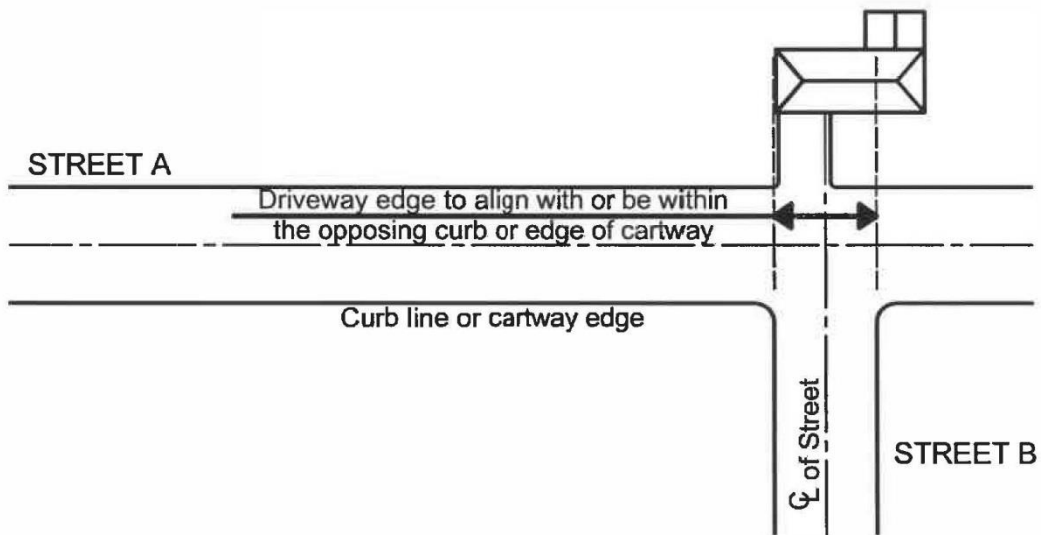
President

Secretary

Township Engineer

Amendment 5. Amend Section 312-36(c)(4) by adding subsection (C) as follows:

(C) All driveways may be permitted within a “T” intersection. The driveway width shall be in accordance with the applicable SALDO requirements and its centerline shall align with the opposing street centerline or its location within the intersection shall not extend beyond projections of the curb or edge of cartway (when curb is not present) from the street aligned with the driveway.



(F) Alternate Beneficiaries of Open Space Dedication (Other Than Township).

(i) Open space required under this section 312-36(d)(4) shall be dedicated to the Township, unless the Board of Commissioners agrees to allow a dedication to any of the following: the Parkland School District, the County of Lehigh, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States of America, a municipal authority, a condominium association or homeowners association, or an environmental organization acceptable to the Board of Commissioners. In all of the above instances, deed restrictions acceptable to the Township Solicitor shall be inserted into the deed of the open space land stipulating that such land shall be reserved in perpetuity for open space and recreation purposes.

(ii) If required open space is to be owned by a condominium association or home owners association, the Applicant shall establish such association in a form that requires all property owners within the association to annually contribute to the maintenance of the open space. Provisions of any condominium association or homeowners association agreements regarding required open space shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Commissioners, based upon review by the Township Solicitor.

Amendment 6J. Amend Section 312-36(d)(4) by replacing the existing subsection (G) in its entirety with the following:

(G) Fees In Lieu of Land Dedication.

(i) In General. Fees, in the amount provided in this subparagraph (G), may be accepted in lieu of the dedication of open space if both the Applicant and the Board of Commissioners agree. Such an agreement shall be indicated through a motion by the Board of Commissioners in public session after receiving a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the proposed payment of fees in lieu of land dedication. For all residential or mixed-use land developments containing more than fifty (50) residential dwelling units, such an agreement shall be secured prior to preliminary or preliminary/final plan submission. Whenever fees are permitted, the Applicant shall place a note on the preliminary and final record plans stating that such fees are required to be paid as part of the subdivision or land development approval.

(ii) Combination of Land and Fees. The Board of Commissioners and the Applicant may agree on any combination of open space dedication and payment of recreation fees, provided that the value of the combination to the Township, its residents, and/or persons employed in the Township, is consistent with the requirements of this section 312-36(d)(4) when only land is dedicated or only

fees are paid. Such an agreement shall be indicated through a motion by the Board of Commissioners in public session after receiving a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the proposed combination of open space dedication and payment of recreation fees. Such an agreement shall be secured prior to preliminary or preliminary/final plan submission for all residential or mixed-use land developments containing more than fifty (50) residential dwelling units.

(iii) Fees for Residential Subdivision or Land Development. The amount of fees to be paid in lieu of open space land dedication in residential portions of subdivisions or land developments shall be a fee per dwelling unit (as listed in the Township Fee Schedule, as amended), based upon the maximum number of new dwelling units that would be permitted to be constructed on the lots of the subdivision or land development after the final plan is approved.

(iv) Fees for Nonresidential Subdivisions or Developments. The amount of fees to be paid in lieu of open space land dedication in nonresidential portions of subdivisions or land developments shall be a fee per square foot (as listed in the Township Fee Schedule, as amended) of additional proposed impervious coverage (post-development impervious surface minus pre-development impervious surface) as depicted on the final plan in lieu of the requirement for public dedication of land. Impervious coverage includes buildings, parking lots and any other man-made impervious surface. Only a net increase in impervious coverage will result in a fee to be charged.

Amendment 6K. Amend Section 312-36(d)(4) by replacing the existing Section (I) with the following. All subsections of (I) shall remain as currently written.

(I) Timing of Fees. Fees to be paid under this section 312-36(d)(4) in lieu of open space land dedication shall be paid prior to the recording of the final plan, except as follows:

Amendment 6L. Amend Section 312-36(d)(4)(J) by replacing the existing subsection (i) with the following.

(i) Construction of substantial permanent recreation facilities within the proposed subdivision or land development and/or existing open space;

County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised meeting of the Board of Commissioners at which a quorum was present. As part of this Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners has directed that the President, or Vice-President in the absence of the President, execute this Ordinance on behalf of the Board.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP**

Christina Tori Morgan, President

**ATTEST: _____
Lenore Horos, Secretary**