Swarthmore Accommodation Request Review Board

Meeting Minutes:

August 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at: 7:35 pm

Members attending: Chris DeBruyn Acting Chair and Secretary, Rex Brien, Denise Disney, George Wilson, Steve Minton, Laura Poltronieri, Vukan Vuchic,

Also attending:, Jane Billings-Borough Manager, Carl Ewald-Attorney for Borough

Meeting Convened in closed Executive Session at 7:32

Meeting re-convened in open session 8:15

Old Business:

Continuation of August 17th meeting regarding the application for an accommodation under the Fair Housing section (1298) of the Swarthmore ordinance book.

The township's attorney Carl Ewald asked if any members of the gallery were requesting party status. One person requested. Carl recognized Jim Byrne an attorney representing several recognized parties, as well as several additional persons. There was discussion about eligibility for party status, and Christine Reuther, attorney for the applicant, agreed to allow party status for the additional members without cross examination, for the purposes of this initial approval request.

Christine presented a revised parking plan for review by the council, in response to a request from the 8/17 meeting.

Jim Byrne requested a continuance, stating that he had insufficient time and information to present anything at this time. Christine objected to the continuance, stating that this was an unnecessary additional delay, and that the applicant had met the requirements of the ordinance.

The council retired and convened in a closed executive session to discuss the request for a continuance.

The open meeting was reconvened, and a brief discussion surrounding the issue commenced. George moved to continue the meeting until September 13, 7:30, seconded by Rex. The vote was unanimous in favor.

As an advisory, George noted that the council would base its decision on the ordinance requirements, which are enumerated in section 1298.07 of the borough ordinance book.

A motion was entertained to adjourn, which was seconded and passed with unanimous consent.