

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2019

Present: Peter Ferrone
Kevin VanHise
Mary McKillip
Craig Schultz

Absent: Susan McCloskey
Jean Washington
Murali Mallampati
Joyce Scott

Excused Absence: Keva Stewart

Also Present: Andrew Link, Liaison
Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison
Susan Snook, Secretary

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.R.S. 10:4-10, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.

Minutes:

The January 24, 2019 minutes were approved per unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Expiring Affordable Controls:

Mr. Link stated there is nothing new to report; however, we have a couple units that we are working with to extend the controls and it has slowed down a little bit. In another year or so there will be another group of controls that will need to be addressed.

Township Actions:

Mr. Link stated:

- 232 Federal Point Boulevard: it is under rehabilitation and will be finished within the next couple of weeks.
- 2 Alburtus Court: it is under a rehabilitation and will be ready to finish up within two to three weeks
- 7 Alburtus Court: there is a closing date of March
- 30 Gilpin Court: this unit has been sold as of this date; the controls expired and the owners did not want to renew it so it came a market rate and in order to keep it in the program the Township purchased it as a market rate price and changed it to an affordable price to keep it in the program; we did not put any money into it and we flip it. It took a long time to see because people were having a hard time getting a mortgage.

Housing Rehabilitation Program:

Mr. Link stated we have two active rehabilitations right now and are soliciting more people for our waiting list; we have a flyer out to get more people to sign up.

Carriage Park:

They still have not submitted a plan yet; but have made some progress. They have gotten on board and have an agent; however, she needs to get her credentials to us so we can approve her as the agent and then she will produce an operating manual and affirmative marketing plan for us to approve. It has been a week since there have been discussions and she has not sent the Township anything yet.

Chairperson VanHise asked about Berk's Walk and how their completion is coming along. Mr. Link stated they have two affordable units that they created from their existing units so there will be no affordable units in the new construction and the affordable units are already occupied.

Updated Status of Changes at State Level:

Chairperson VanHise stated nothing is going on; however, all the Judges are moving their dockets along and with Judge Jacobson's decision out there the Supreme Court has them all moving their cases to get them through the courts.

Other Business:

Mayor Bobbitt stated at the Environmental Resources Committee he saw the plans for the Trails at Princeton Pike and see how it goes. Mr. Link commented that the proposal is for 60 affordable rentals.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Snook
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: _____