LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD Regular Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2019

Present:	Kevin VanHise Peter Ferrone Susan McCloskey Craig Schultz
Absent:	Murali Mallampati Keva Stewart
Excused Absence:	Jean Washington Mary McKillip Joyce Scott
Also Present:	Andrew Link, Liaison Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison Susan Snook, Recording 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 March 28, 2019 minutes were approved per unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Expiring Affordable Controls:

Mr. Link stated there is nothing new to report.

Township Actions:

Mr. Link stated:

- 232 Federal Point Boulevard: the contracts are being signed
- 2 Alburtus Court: the contractor is still waiting for the kitchen counter which should arrive on May 2, 2019 and will take a day to install it and then sell it

Housing Rehabilitation Program:

Mr. Link stated we have one active rehabilitation right now and one that has not started yet.

Carriage Park:

Mr. Link stated they do have a qualified person to prepare the plan; she has given a draft of some of it but it is not completed enough to share with the committee. There is nothing in the way of calculations, which has not been submitted. It is more moving forward and expect at the next meeting, once received it will be forwarded to everybody and hopefully at the next meeting it will be able to be discussed.

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Updated Status of Changes at State Level:

Chairperson VanHise stated the judges on the remaining Mt. Laurel cases are under orders to move the cases by summer; however, things are moving but nothing has changed.

The Board discussed Edison where the Board has authorized their attorney to institute an action against the Township for authorizing development that exceeds the school capacity to house students. It has not been filed but the action was given to authorize the attorney to do it. What triggered it was the Zoning Board just granted a multi-family residential application. The Township's response was they comment on something that has not been drafted and have not seen yet.

The school board's argument is that they have a constitutional obligation to educate all of these students and the Township has a constitution obligation to apparently build a high amount of houses, and now they are trying to force an issue on which constitutional issue is more important because without limited resources they can't meet their mission, so the only thing to do is to restrain this one and the Township is saying this constitutional obligation is that the Supreme Court has already spoken.

Other Business: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Snook Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: _____