The Regular Meeting of the Shaler Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Piekarski called the meeting to order. Ms. Benson called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: David H. Piekarski, Conrad Wagner, Howard Abel, Matthew Thiel, Terence J. Brown, Gregory Greiff, Christopher Chirdon, and John Rihn, Liaison Member

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR: Adam Ventura, Esq. (Absent)

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: Matthew Sebastian, P.E.

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER: Robert Vita (Absent)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Teresa M. Benson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2020

Motion for Approval was made by Mr. Chirdon and seconded by Mr. Abel.

Motion carries unanimously

REPORT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

September 8, 2020

Mr. Wagner stated that the Commissioners approved the signage for the DRB Construction property on Route 8 contingent upon the state allowing permits and the Planning Commission’s approval of bollards and landscaping.
OLD BUSINESS:

Site Development – Libor Kaplanek - 1615 Babcock Boulevard - Second Ward - Lot & Block 165-E-30

Request tabled

Site Development – Blue Dot Tire - 1101 William Flynn Highway - Fourth Ward - Lot & Block 356-N-50

Mr. David Heath from Gateway Engineers, 100 McMorris Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 was present on behalf of the applicant. He explained that Blue Dot Tire is looking to lease a space on Route 8 to operate a tire recycling facility. The applicant was requested to answer questions concerning a site plan engineered to scale, parking calculations, landscaping, site screening and traffic. Blue Dot submitted the requested information and was asked to also submit information concerning possibly covering the shredder and the dumpster and signage requirements.

Mr. Wagner asked if the machine could be moved inside. Mr. David Small, 814 Vista Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 answered that the machine is on a trailer and can be moved wherever the Board wanted, but when the Board had toured the facility, it was agreed it would be better outside, with possibly a roof over it to help contain the noise.

Mr. Small also reiterated that he would be willing to work within certain hours to accommodate the neighbors.

Mr. Chirdon questioned if it was possible to put a muffler on the engine. Mr. Small replied that there was a muffler on it.

Mr. Chirdon also asked about an electric machine. Mr. Stephen Chechak responded that the electric machines simply turn the hydraulic pump.

Mr. Wagner questioned if the site would be available for the public to drop off tires. Mr. Small stated that it would not be open to the public on a regular basis, but Blue Dot would be willing to do some “public” work on occasion, possibly once a week or once a month; whatever the Board thought was best.
Mr. Wagner suggested locating a dumpster somewhere in the Township where the public can drop off their old tires rather than having them come to the property.

Mr. Chechak explained the signage requirements of the DEP. The sign must be posted on the fence. He reiterated that the fence would be a screened fence so no one can see in the property.

No public comments for or against

Motion for Final Approval made by Mr. Abel and seconded by Mr. Chirdon.

Motion carries unanimously

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Thiel.

Motion carries unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

Terence J. Brown
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Teresa M. Benson, Registered Professional Reporter.