

## Plum Borough School District - - Borough of Plum Inter-Governmental Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 1, 2012  
**TIME:** 7:10 PM  
**LOCATION:** PHS Board Room adjacent to the cafeteria  
**PURPOSE:** Regular Advertised Meeting

### Borough Representatives:

John Anderson, Council Member  
Skip Taylor, Council Member  
Mike Thomas, Borough Manager

### District Representatives:

John St. Leger, Intergovernmental Chairman and Board Member  
Kevin Dowdell, Board Member  
Andrew Drake, Board Member  
Loretta White, Board Member  
Rich Zucco, Board Member  
Tim Glasspool, Superintendent  
Lee Price, Solicitor

### Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items:

None

### Citizen's Comments on Non Agenda items:

None

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Sale of PBSO old Administration Building

Mr. and Mrs. Podobnik and their attorney Harvey Robins discussed the perspective purchase of the District's Administration Building. Mr. Robins discussed the option of rezoning the property in question. The Podobnik's operate a small business of six employees that experiences normal business hours, low traffic, and routine package delivers from UPS and FedEx. The Podobniks assemble training simulators used to replicate the operability of Geiger Counters without the use of radiation. They do not operate a fabrication facility; they assemble shoebox size devices. The Podobniks business is currently in operation in Boyce Park plaza located in Plum Borough.

The Zoning Board declined their request for a zoning variance because "light manufacturing" is not a permitted use in the "R-1" zoning district and the Podobnik's failed to demonstrate a "hardship" as required by PA zoning law to permit such a variance. The property is currently zoned R1, residential. It has been under operation as public property and as such is a "conditional use" of R1. The Podobnik's are asking for support to rezone the property as B3 or Business zoned. The request includes zoning all 11.3 acres as B3, but the District would only sell the 1.86 to the Podobniks and retain the remaining property. The Podobniks are asking to the District to rezone all 11 acres for B3 and then sell the property to them as B3. The underlining concern is rezoning property could open the door for more challenging cases and wider spread rezoning. The group discussed a concern with smells, noises, and toxin. The Podobniks stated there are no chemical uses, noises, etc. The Borough may issue a conditional use, meaning not a use by right, but council can impose conditions under what type of use for the property. The District discussed rezoning the entire side of school road. The process will take several months to one year.

The District will move the discussion of rezoning to the August 21, 2012 Facilities Committee Meeting

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2. District-Law Enforcement MOU

- a. Verbiage changes “may” vs “shall”

The MOU references the Safe Schools Act and cooperation between PPD and PBSA. Offense that may be reported and shall be reported to the police was discussed. The document has five offenses that are listed as discretionary in Section 1 and PPD has requested the verbiage change, as “shall” not may.

The District will look into the revisions, check with the solicitor, and make changes to the 2013-2014 MOU as necessary.

- b. Renewal for next two (2) school years (2013-2014 & 2014-2015)

The District and Borough agree to continue the MOU under the same terms and will work on signing an MOU prior to the calendar year. The District will move this item to the facilities committee for a discussion.

3. PHS Fire Lane/Parking

- a. Additional parking spaces  
b. Borough ordinance and ticketing

The bids for the porous parking lot came in over budget. The District will work with the Borough regarding reclaimed material and the rebidding of the parking lot.

4. School Safety Zone follow-up

- a. Pivik – In process, anticipate completion by October 1, 2012  
b. Holiday Park – Not yet started  
c. Adlai/Oblock – In process, anticipate completion by October 1, 2012  
d. Regency Park – Completed

5. Delinquent EIT (Act 32)

- a. New fee structure

The Borough and District must update their fee schedule. A District resolution may be necessary. This item will be moved to the Finance Committee.

- b. Additional costs

The closing of the tax office by August 1, 2012 has occurred. The estimated cost to the District is \$8000-9000. This item will be moved to the Finance Committee.

6. Security cameras, lights, and trespass signage

- a. Adlai/Oblock campus, Regency Park, and Holiday Park  
b. Signage at Center and Pivik

The District and Borough are working cooperatively to solve this problem.

**Next Meeting Schedule:**

DATE: TBA

TIME: TBA

Minutes by: Tim Glasspool

Adjournment: 8:45 PM