

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Building & Planning Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Request to Vacate a Portion of Idlewild Road

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance amendment to vacate an unopened portion of Idlewild Road.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The vacation of any right of way requires approval from the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

In August 2018 a Runoff and Erosion Control Permit to construct a new single-family home was submitted for 1139 Rock Creek Road which is located at the corner of Rock Creek Road and the unopened/unpaved portion of Idlewild Road, as shown on the attached map. The property is currently vacant.

During the review of the permit for the new home, the applicant was informed by the Zoning Officer that this unopened section of Idlewild Road is shown on the Township's Official Highway Map as a right of way and is subject to a required front yard setback. The applicant subsequently filed a request with the Township to vacate the right of way. The applicant also obtained approval from all affected property owners whose lots front on this section of Idlewild Road and they agree to vacate the right of way.

V. Impact on Township Finances:

This will have no impact on Township finances.

VI. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners authorize the vacation of the right of way.