

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
November 15, 2016
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on November 15, 2016 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Vice-Chairperson
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Patrick Armstrong, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

- Joseph Goepfert, 136 S. 2nd Street, inquired about Axehandle Road survey flags along property he owns. The survey flags are in relation to completion of punch list items that were on the recorded plan for the Fox Hill Development which includes curbing and a street light at the entrance of the development on Clymer Road and Axehandle Road.
- Lisa Underdown, 5563 Clymer Road, stated that she objected to curbing on Clymer Road because it would take away from her property, not serve a purpose and require the removal of a large tree. Mr. Goepfert and Mrs. Underdown did not object to sidewalks on their property along Fox Hill Road as per the recorded plan.
Consensus of the Board was to have the Township Engineer evaluate the curbing and determine what the best solution would be.
- Joseph Goepfert, 136 S. 2nd Street, thanked the Township for trimming trees along Axehandle Road. He would like to see the intersection of Axehandle Road and SR313 widened.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' October 11, 2016 Budget Meeting and October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of Bills List dated November 9, 2016 totaling \$172,361.78. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for Michael J. McGrory Jr. 1501 West Park Avenue: The applicant is seeking variances from Section 27-800 and 27-801 to permit an F-1 Commercial School and an F-3 Retail store at the property. Mr. McGrory indicated he is proposing to provide NRA courses for personal safety training with and without firearms. A virtual simulator would be used with no discharge of firearms on the site. Following discussion, it is the consensus of the Board not to take a position in regard to the Zoning Hearing Application, but to express concerns over potential hours of operation. Mr. Nietupski's support of the application was noted.

Land Development Waiver Request: Mr. Roger Styles, owner of TMP 12-9-224, Fifth Street, was present to request a waiver of land development, which is required for an accessory building to be constructed prior to the principal building. Mr. Styles intends to have the principal building and accessory building constructed within a year; the site will be for agricultural use only. The principal building will have farm equipment storage in the front with his residence, one apartment, in the rear of the building with a second accessory building adjacent to it. It was noted that due to our SALDO anticipating a residence before an accessory building, this abnormality existed and would typically be a simple building permit application. The Board read comments received by Mr. Nietupski indicating his position to deny the request due to him not being in favor of the land development waiver.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to grant a land development waiver contingent on execution of a Contract for Professional Services Agreement, Stormwater application and review to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer and issuance of required permits. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Workers Comp Insurance Proposal: Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Insurance Trust has submitted a proposal for Board consideration.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Proposal as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve advertising of the Workers Compensation Trust Ordinance for the December 13, 2016 meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Salt Bids 2016-2017 Season:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to award the 2016-2017 salt bids to Morton Salt, Inc. through Costars at the rate of \$55.95 per ton for the required 375 tons and to Morton Salt, Inc. through Bucks County Consortium at the rate of \$56.13 per ton delivered and \$56.00 per ton undelivered as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2017 Preliminary Budget. Mrs. Morano reviewed the 2017 proposed draft budget. The meeting was open for public comment. There was none.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve advertising of the Preliminary 2017 Draft Budget as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Kathleen Hart, 696 W. Schwenkmill Road, inquired where the budget would be available for inspection. Mrs. Morano stated that it would be on the Township website and at the Municipal Office.

Re-Organization Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 due to Monday, January 2, 2017 being a holiday. The meeting will be advertised for 6:00pm.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Manager Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Works Report

Public Works activities in October, 2016 were provided to the Board. It was noted Perkasio Regional Authority installed a fence along the walking trail along Three Mile Run Road within the easement adjacent to their property. The Public Works report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Public Works Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman noted the Planning Commission's October 13, 2016 Agenda was in the Board packets. A DCED grant submission for East Rockhill Township's Three Mile Run Road Pumping Station was reviewed.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve The Planning Commission Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The November – December 2016 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public. Mr. Nyman provided the Annual Report for the center recognizing their accomplishments and services provided. Mrs. Fenley, Branch Road, suggested online membership renewal and PayPal options for membership.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Pennridge Community Center Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

PWTA Report

The draft October 24, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting minutes and the September 2016 flows were noted as received.

PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the October 27, 2016 Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee notes. The notes are on file. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Police Commission Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the October, 2016 activities by the Pennridge Regional Police Department. Of note, the 5K event was recognized which provided donations to Pennridge FISH and Bucks County NOVA, with special thanks to Officer DiGiovanni and Officer Dean for conceiving the event and organizational efforts. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Pennridge Regional Police Commission report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh

Subdivision Plan Review Status: Review dated November 2, 2016 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Engineer report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Crossing Guard Fifth Street and Campus Drive: A request has been received from Pennridge School District for a crossing guard to be placed at Fifth Street and Campus Drive for the Pennridge High School and Pennridge North Middle School.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2016-17 acknowledging receipt of the request and the preparation of a Mutual Understanding Agreement. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Conservation Easement for Parcels 12-6-40, 12-6-41, 12-6-42 on Richlandtown Road: A public hearing was held to consider a proposed Conservation Easement on Tax Parcels 12-6-40, 12-6-41 owned

by Freedom Valley Girl Scout and Tax Parcel 12-6-42 owned by Mark and Judith Laudenslager totaling approximately 88.94 acres for a purchase price of \$7,250.00 per acre for a total of approximately \$644,815.00. The hearing was open for public comment. Gail Hill, 552 Clymer Road, inquired if property was being preserved in Haycock Township. That is unknown. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve **Resolution 2016-18** to accept and execute documents relating to the Conservation Easement for Tax Map Numbers 12-6-40, 12-6-41, 12-6-42, finalization of the Conservation Easement and settlement. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize the advertisement of the Stormwater Ordinance Amendment for the December meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss Mager Mandamus litigation.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Township Solicitor report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

Department and Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

- Consensus of the Board was to hold the regular meeting on December 13, 2016. Meetings for 2017 would be held on the third Tuesday.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, thanked the Township and Public Works personnel for their efforts to facilitate the safety of the crowd on Election Day.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager