

*REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 1, 2005*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers with Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. All present followed Chairman Beers in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2005 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote showed Supervisor Kresge abstaining as he was on vacation. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Mr. Bruce Bisbing was present representing the West End Advanced Life Support Group who presented the Supervisors with a plaque expressing appreciation for their support enabling the purchase of a defibrillator he described a recent event in which a life was saved because their association has this state of the art equipment.

PLANS-William Kresge of Effort Associates was present representing the Stafford subdivision. After a review, Chairman Beers noted that all comments of the Township Engineer as described at the last planning commission meeting have been addressed and approval has been recommended by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the Stafford subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-The escrow release request from Hector Marrero for the Blue Mountain Village Clubhouse was discussed and it was noted that Engineer Kresge submitted a letter advising everything is satisfactorily completed. A motion was made Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to release the balance of the escrow funds.

NEW BUSINESS-Some discussion took place concerning the question from last month concerning BlueRidge Cable Communications and a franchise agreement. It was determined that the Township does not have a franchise agreement and Solicitor Dunn reminded the Supervisors of a former suggestion he made which involved hiring a firm who specializes in franchise agreement for guidance.

Some discussion took place regarding a letter received about a Gypsy Moth Survey. It was determined that the Township will participate in the survey with the Vector Control Department and that John Kochis should participate with their representative.

A letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Haney concerning a dead tree on the property with the house was discussed and the Secretary noted that she contacted Mr. Vosburgh who has been doing the Township tree work and is waiting for an reply/estimate.

Some discussion took place concerning correspondence about a program known as Deputy Phil which produces publications for local schools concerning safety. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to place a 1/6 th page ad at a cost of \$199.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A memo was received from the Planning Commission concerning member attendance and it was decided that the Planning Commission should address this matter even if a member has work related issues and should be asked to step down. The Supervisors noted that the members themselves are affected and therefore should discuss these matters between themselves.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed a grant workshop scheduled from August 18th and suggested that someone from the Township should attend.

A letter was received from the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen Club asking for a donation for their Youth Day which is scheduled for September 10th. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to donate \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote taken on the motion resulted in Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge voting in favor of the donation and Chairman Beers voting against. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Drake announced that there is a meeting scheduled for a roundtable discussion of the Open Space Committee on August 17th. She added that she will attend.

Solicitor Dunn wanted to review the procedure the Township has followed in the past when a property owner has two lots side by side and wants to make them into one parcel and it was determined that a plan is necessary but that it need not go before the planning commission and the process is shortened by the applicant submitting the request to the Board of Supervisors. The consensus of opinion on this procedure was as described.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the Comprehensive Regional Plan information she submitted to each of the Supervisors and she noted a purple area on the map which illustrates the Cherry Valley area and noted that perhaps that should be added to our map also (in preserving the Cherry Valley) Chairman Beers indicated that the area discussed goes up Mountain Rd. and he stated that in his opinion that is not the Cherry Valley. Supervisor Kresge agreed with Chairman Beers and added that the stream involved in Ross goes to the Lehigh River. Vice Chairman Drake noted that they are not only considering the watershed but they are including buffering and protecting endangered specie and added that including Ross would be a nice tie in. Chairman Beers reiterated his position noting that special conservation is one thing but he feels this is going to far. Supervisor Kresge suggested more discussion on the issue before a decision is made.

Supervisor Kresge noted that he would like to get started on a parking lot for the park. It was determined that he would discuss a plan for such with Engineer Kresge. All agreed.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers wanted the schedule for line striping. In the absence of the Road Foreman the Secretary was asked to obtain information from the Road Foreman concerning this.

The Secretary was requested to advise the Road Foreman of the urgency of attention needed to the ground hog hole at the end of the handicapped ramp at the Municipal Building and to advise of the necessary repair of a crack in the front wall.

After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary

After the meeting adjourned Kyle Nordmeyer came forward with questions concerning a tract of land on Blue Ridge Rd. asking if Blue Ridge Rd. creates a natural subdivision or does he have to file a subdivision application. Some discussion took place concerning the Planning Commission Solicitor's opinion that a road does not create a natural subdivision and maybe a Land Development Plan could be considered. Some discussion took place concerning another lot that is owned by the Nordmeyers with a separate deed and it was determined that he could apply for a building permit for that parcel.