

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
APRIL 3, 2006**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake as well as Solicitor Dunn were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Beers.

The minutes of the March 6, 2006 meeting and the Treasurer's report was approved as presented with a motion made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Mr. and Mrs. LaGuardia were recognized who live on Mt. Eaton Road they discussed a mulching/composting yard next to their residence and how the business developed since they have been there and has become a principal use. Chairman Beers asked the LaGuardias' if they could wait until the next meeting to give the Supervisors time to talk to the Zoning Officer and to investigate what has transpired there. They (LaGuardias) agreed with Chairman Beer's request.

Mr. Meckes was next on the agenda to address a request for an extension of his building permit. He did not respond after Chairman Beers called his name.

Rodney Schreck of Mt. Eaton Road noted that Mount Pocono Borough recently passed a burning ban ordinance and wanted to know why Ross Township doesn't. Chairman Beers indicated that Commissioner Donna Asure was in the audience and asked her if he understood that the County just issued a burning ban.

Commissioner Asure explained what the Commissioners can do which does not include a permanent burning ban, but rather a ban for a period of time County wide. She added that they are slated to institute a County wide burning at their Wednesday, April 5, 2006 meeting to begin Friday. The enforcement of such since the Commissioners are placing it will be done by the local or state police. Chairman Beers noted that in the past an incident occurred and neither the fire company or the police came to enforce the burning going on during a ban put on by the Supervisors, requested by the fire company. Commissioner Asure responded saying the local and/or State Police must enforce this violation since the Commissioners have put the ban on. She added there are fines ranging from \$100 to \$300 for violations. Rodney Schreck reiterated that he wants a permanent ban on burning.

Antonio Orlando Sr. who owns 25 acres of land on Kunkletown Road would like to allow some of his land for use as a soccer field approximately 360 feet by 240 feet. Chairman Beers indicated that the dimensions discussed are within the parameters concerning earth disturbance adding he has no problem with this idea. Mr. Orlando said he will maintain the property and he will still own it, but it's to be used for kids to

play soccer. The Supervisors suggested he talk to his insurance company. They also added that what he is doing is a nice gesture.

Chairman Beers called Mr. Merkes name since it was on the agenda for a building permit extension but he was not present . After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to give an extension on the building permit until May 1st (the next Supervisors meeting) The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake carried. The Secretary was requested to contact Mr. Meckes advising him of this decision and requesting his appearance at the May 1st meeting.

OLD BUSINESS- Parking lot lights- Vice Chairman Kresge indicated he spoke to the electrician and offered pictures of the lights he suggested (two different ones) he did not include a cost since he wanted the Supervisors to decide on the type light they want. Discussion also took place concerning that the service should also include planning for the recreation area parking lot lighting. The decision was to give this information to the electrician and ask for a proposal.

Supervisor Drake discussed the Regional Park Plan for the Romascavage property in Chestnuthill Township and noted that both Polk and Eldred have dropped out leaving Chestnuthill Ross and the Pleasant Valley School District in. At this time funding for a consultant to assist with designing a master plan is at hand especially with just the two municipalities being the only ones contributing. Supervisor Drake made a motion to stay in the Regional group. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes were Chairman Beers and Supervisor Drake. Vice Chairman Kresge voted no. The motion carried Supervisor Drake explained the program to the public and announced that meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Chestnuthill Township Municipal Building for anyone interested in attending. Supervisor Drake “thanked” Bill Blickendsdorfer for the report he submitted about an open space meeting he attended.

NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Beers stated that we postponed the advertisement decided on at the last meeting and asked the Secretary to explain the circumstances that arose creating the delay. The Secretary said that name identifying the road paving materials and the details that must be included in the bid were questionable because PennDOT is requiring different language for what once was bid I.D2 4 I.D3 and is now bid as Superpave to include thickness weight limits design etc. The Township Secretary sought help from its Municipal Services Representative since Liquid Fuels funds are involved in this project. The second occurrence involved the State Department of Labor and Industry and its determination of road maintenance as opposed to road construction affecting the prevailing wage law. Solicitor Dunn added that his interpretation is there are new regulations but the Township can take issue with them and we would get cited and then could appeal before the prevailing wage appeal board if not satisfied with old appeal in court. He added that the Secretary should contact PSATS for input since these will effect the whole Commonwealth. There was discussion on holding the Township Liquid Fuels money until next year and

the Secretary said she would talk to Municipal Service for an answer. The final decision was to table advertising of bids for road work.

The next items was updating or adopting Stormwater Management Plan for the Brodhead McMichael water shed. Consistent with the County . The County has adopted a plan but the State has interjected with some changes which may result in an appeal by the County. Solicitor Dunn suggested waiting until the County plan is final since there is plenty of time for the Township to and Chairman Beers indicated this should be kept on the agenda.

ROAD FORMAN REPORT – The road foreman said he will get the roads ready for blacktop just in case.

Chairman Beers indicated he spoke to the Road Foreman concerning having Lee Honey weld or construct an aluminum grate to aid in keeping the beavers away from the bridge on Tittle Rd. There was some discussion and it was decided to move forward with that.

The Road Foreman said he would like to have E.F. Possinger come in with their vacuum sweeper although he will contact others for prices and scheduling.

Regarding letter #10 the Chairman indicated he spoke to the Road Foreman who is working on correcting the problem.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES – After a review of the bills a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

At 7:45 p.m. Chairman Beers called an executive session to discuss possible litigation. The meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m. with the Chairman stating possible litigation was discussed, no decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned thereafter.

Respectfully submitted

Doris Price, Secretary