

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors opened at 7:00 p.m. with members Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to adjourn the meeting and continue with a public hearing that began at 6:30 being held for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. Solicitor Dunn noted that the regular meeting will continue at the conclusion of the public hearing and also that action on the proposed zoning amendment will be addressed under New Business on the regular meeting agenda.

The Public Hearing continued with a court stenographer present taking minutes of the proceedings.

At approximately 7:20 p.m. the Public Hearing came to a close and the Regular Meeting continued with Chairman Beers stating that the Pledge of Allegiance was completed prior to commencement of the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m..

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT-A review of the minutes of the June 5, 2006 meeting and the Treasurer's report were completed which resulted in a motion by Supervisor Drake to approve both. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Michael Drury's name was on the agenda for a building permit extension but he was not present. This item was tabled.

Greg Lippincott a representative of the Elliott Group was next on the agenda and he stated that his company has the purchase of approximately 1,000 acres under contract. He would like to meet with Ross Township Supervisors and Eldred Township Supervisors to review what plans they have for the property and to discuss what the Townships would like to see happen. Mr. Lippincott described the property location and showed an approximate location on the Zoning Map, made mention of a ski slope/resort. Some discussion took place which resulted in requesting the Secretary call Eldred Township for the possibility of scheduling a joint meeting. Solicitor Dunn queried Mr. Lippincott about the use of the property as it may relate to the Zoning Hearing Board or to the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Lippincott noted that if a ski slope/resort is not a permitted use they would be looking for a zoning change. Solicitor Dunn explained that he posed that question since if it would be a matter for the Zoning Hearing Board then the Board of Supervisors should not be involved. Mr. Lippincott reiterated they would be looking for a Zoning Change if their proposal is not a permitted use.

PLANS-The Bray Minor Subdivision was next and Mr. Bray presented his plan explained that the Planning Commission recommended approval which consists of adding a parcel to his property (a lot line adjustment). A motion was made by Chairman Beers to approve this plan. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

*Mr. Mukherjee of Base Engineering was present on behalf of Arsha Vidya (Faulstick Rd.) who had been granted a time extension until this meeting. He explained that the Planning Module (Sewer) needs attention because some of the DEP clearances have expired since the previous work was done on this plan (2002). The Supervisors pointed out that work could continue on the plan leaving **only** the planning module as a condition. Solicitor Dunn added that the Board is hesitant to grant any further extension so it would be best if the applicant proceeded with the plan completing everything that can be done. Mr. Mukherjee indicated that he would be prepared to submit revisions to the Planning Commission at their next meeting (August 15) and he added that there are a few issues that will now conform to the new ordinance (because the original plan is pre-zoning) to the extent of the contents of Russ Kresge's letter. Chairman Beers noted that he is not in favor of granting an extension. Vice Chairman Kresge moved to agree to an extension until the August 7, 2006 Supervisors meeting and that the plan will then conform to the new ordinance to the extent of the contents of Russ Kresge's letter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake voting in favor and Chairman Beers voting against.*

OLD BUSINESS- The parking lot lights were tabled until next month.

Vice Chairman Kresge noted that he received two proposals for constructing a parking lot for the park area and he is in the process of obtaining a third.

NEW BUSINESS- A letter was received from COG concerning attendance at a NIMS training at the Monroe County Public Safety Center. Supervisor Drake noted that she would be available to attend on July 31st.

Supervisor Drake offered compliments to the Road Foreman for road work conditions in lieu of recent storm.

The proposed Zoning Amendment was discussed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to adopt the Amendment as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. Supervisor Drake wanted the record to show that concern was expressed by a resident of Mountain Rd. (Renee) and he was advised to go to the Zoning Hearing Board to apply for relief. Solicitor Dunn noted that the Ordinance will be effective five days from today.

ROAD FOREMAN- The Road Foreman submitted a list of roads for paving and it was determined to do Evergreen Court, Rossmor Drive, Foxcroft Drive, James Way, Hickory Ct., Pine Ct., Pheasant Rd., and Turkey Hill Rd. as described on the list. The Road Foreman indicated that the amount of product put out for bid is sufficient to do the roads listed. It was noted that we received \$165,000.00 from the State and the balance would come from the General Fund. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to proceed with the roads as aforementioned roads using approximately \$86,000.00 from the General Fund. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers asked the status of Tittle Rd. some discussion took place about the beavers and Chairman Beers indicated he would donate some land to create a turn around while the beavers are active. Mr. Newswanger noted he also has a beaver problem. Chairman Beers said he believes the problem would not exist if the area was maintained properly. He and the Road Foreman disagreed on this issue. Vice Chairman Kresge discussed a remedy for the situation

which included removal of some blacktop that was sunken. Chairman Beers added that a pipe with a grate at each end could work also.

Chairman Beers requested that the Road Foreman install curve signs (chevrons) on Ross Rd. around the sharp curve that a resident brought to his attention.

Mr. Berger was recognized and he discussed permits and who needs one and wanted to know if they must be posted. The Zoning Officer indicated that one particular house in question did have a permit posted and he responded that permits positing is required. Chairman Beers suggested that Mr. Berger come into the office if he has questions and feels that permits are not being obtained.

Chairman Beers queried the Road Foreman on a driveway that is put in higher than the road on Mountain Rd. (a ranch home) and he said they never got a permit but he will take care of it.

Chairman Beers speaking to Zoning Officer John Kochis indicated he has received several complaints about the building on the corner of Kunkletown Rd. where there are appliances all over the porch and it's becoming an eyesore. Mr. Kochis stated that there is nothing in our ordinances to prevent him from conducting his business. He added that he will write Mr. Lessig the owner of the property a letter to seek assistance in cleaning it up. Chairman Beers asked Solicitor Dunn to look into the matter also he added "within the week".

Mr. Greg Dodson of Mountain Rd. discussed the amount of construction vehicles that traverse Mountain Rd. (which is weight restricted) and yet he does not see much construction to support the traffic. Chairman Beers said you must stop them and tell them since you live there and see it on a regular basis. Since it was determined that there are no major developments causing this traffic, he will note the name of the trucks and contact the State Police.

CORRESPONDENCE- A letter received from the Environmental Council was discussed which letter requested permission to attend a meeting with a power point summary of their committee. It was determined that the Secretary advise that they are welcome to attend.

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

Chairman Beers called an executive session at approximately 8:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. At 8:20 the Supervisors resumed the meeting stating no decisions were made and the discussion was concerning pending litigation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary