

*REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 2, 2006*

The Regular Monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Beers at approximately 7:00 p.m. with members Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake present. Solicitor Dunn was not present at this time. All present followed the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Beers.

MINUTES-After a review of the minutes, a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT-A review of the Treasurer's report resulted in a change in the balance of the State Fund from \$164,482.82 to \$33.40 since the beginning balance was incorrect and bills that were paid were not included on the report. After Chairman Beers noted this correction, Vice Chairman Kresge moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Matthew O'Connell a Boy Scout from Troop #98 was called on who was present to discuss his Eagle Scout Project which consisted of bat houses for the park area. He showed a sample of the type he would like to build and gave some information of bat behavior noting that his intention is to build 12 houses, placing three around the pond. Chairman Beers asked if there is a possibility of changing the project to something else since a retaining wall is needed at the residence on the Township property. Matthew indicated that he has been working on this project since last year it would be hard to change. Mrs. O'Connell indicated that another Scout may be able to work on the wall and she is getting word out.

Solicitor Dunn arrived at this time.

Mrs. Moretz expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for the shoulder work that has been completed on Turkey Hill Rd..

PLANS-An extension for the Sarah Jones subdivision was granted until November 7th on motion by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Mike Kafkalas was present representing the Sarah Jones subdivision to discuss the stormwater management. He showed a copy of the plan and showed dry wells (2 per lot) one for the driveway and one for the downspouts of the house. Some discussion took place concerning the driveway dry wells which in the past did not work on other properties. Vice Chairman Kresge said the biggest problems are when they are being installed at which time they become filled with silt. Other remedies were discussed such as a berm, a swale, level spreader or detention pond. Chairman Beers stated

he does not have a problem with the dry well for the house downspout water but the driveway dry well needs some other way since they don't work. Mr. Kafkalas said maybe a concrete berm laid flat would work and it was decided that he go back to the drawing boards and in addition see what Township Engineer Kresge says.

OLD BUSINESS-Supervisor Drake moved to adopt the Resolution for the Joint Comprehensive Plan with Jackson, Chestnuthill, Eldred and Ross drawn by Spotts, Stevens and McCoy. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

A Zoning Book change request submitted by the Planning Commission was discussed with Chairman Beers reading it most of which concerned flood plain and flood zone.(504B) The suggestion is that the places where Township Engineer is mentioned it should be changed to Township thinking that Township Supervisors or personnel would have more knowledge of the areas. Chairman Beers noted that it should be left the same since the Township Engineer as such should be more knowledgeable in those areas.

Fuel bids were discussed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to place the necessary advertisement for 1,000 unleaded 4,500 gallons diesel fuel, 4,500 gallons of heating oil, 1,000 gallons of off road diesel. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

The proposal of lights for the parking lot(s) was tabled.

Chairman Beers brought up the Elliott Group idea and polled the Supervisors to determine their position on whether or not changing the zoning is something they would be inclined to do. He then asked "do any of you want to change zoning" all said "no". Solicitor Dunn indicated that he would advise them by letter of the preference of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS-Supervisor Drake discussed appointing members to the West End Open Space and Park Commission to represent Ross Township. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to appoint Tina Drake whose term would expire Dec. 2009, William Blichensderfer whose term would expire Dec. 2008 and Judy Breidinger whose term would expire Dec. 2007. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Supervisor Drake reviewed the status of the Ross Township Park Committee stating that Charlie Wagner sent an email asking if each member presently on the committee are interested in remaining on. He heard from Zane Burke who asked to be removed and not from anyone else she is aware of. Supervisor Drake indicated that next month the committee should be reorganized so as to have active members and those who will have terms, etc.. She also noted that the website should mention that the Township is looking for interested residents to serve.

Chairman Beers added that some people have been flying motorized model airplanes on the park property and he felt like it should be stopped because of the hazard created should one or more get out of control. Additionally, no one came to the Township to ask permission either. It was then stated further that no organization or group should plan on using the Township facilities without going through the Township for permission especially for insurance purposes

Chairman Beers noted that a Conditional Use Hearing will be held on November 6th at 6:30 p.m. Solicitor Dunn noted that a stenographer will be present and he suggested that the Supervisors review the section of the Zoning Ordinance that discusses lot averaging which is the issue for this conditional use hearing. Chairman Beers moved to authorize the advertisement of said hearing. (Monday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m.). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning information received from Monroe County regarding a uniform sign guideline for the properties purchased with Open Space Funds. Comments were tabled.

Solicitor Dunn discussed an Amendment to Ordinance #11 involving Earned Income Tax discussing summary violations and civil violations. He noted that when an attorney must attend a hearing with the Earned Income Tax Officer he and Attorney Corvelyn (school board solicitor) would alternate. A motion was made by Chairman Beers authorizing the Solicitor to advertise for an amendment as described. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

The CEI grant application from Monroe County was discussed and it was determined that we do not have anything falling under this at the present time.

Solicitor Dunn noted that a zoning amendment should be entertained to delete lot averaging at this time since what we have is not well written, he added he is not suggesting not having it at all but just deleting it until it can be written better. A motion was made by Chairman Beers authorizing the Solicitor to advertise such an amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Supervisor Drake noted some changes to the website which are adding Gerald Kyle as Zoning Officer and the new map of the increased CR Zone. The Secretary noted she would forward those changes.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place regarding some mailboxes they may or may not be on the Township right of way near Milton Lane. It was determined that Vice Chairman Kresge would check into it at the post office.

The Road Foreman noted that he started road salt orders today. He said he is getting Young Rd. ready for Spring paving since Hamilton will be doing their section and we will be doing ours. Mr. Walck said the Fire Co. is looking to have some road closed signs and it was decided that the Township will give them theirs and buy new

ones for the Township.

As Solicitor for Hamilton Township and Ross Township Solicitor Dunn discussed the flashing lights the fire company will be installing and it was noted that Mr. Stenger gave permission to place the sign but Penndot requires that the easement be given to the Township. Solicitor Dunn added that assuming no cost will be involved taking the easement and the fire company will take the responsibility of maintaining it (via an agreement)he sees no problem with it. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE-

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary