

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at 7:00 p.m. with members Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The meeting opened with Chairman Beers leading with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

No bids for fuel were received from the second notice and it was stated that Solicitor Dunn forwarded the procedure about what takes place after this occurs and the Secretary should review it and proceed accordingly.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT- A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge seconded by Supervisor Drake to approve both the minutes of the November 6th regular meeting and of the conditional use hearing together with the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET- A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to advertise that the Supervisors have a proposed budget for 2007 in the amount of \$834,175.00 and is scheduled for adoption on December 26, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger was recognized who handed out some materials from the park committee for review by the Supervisors. Charles Wagner gave a review of the materials and discussed some ideas for the walking trail which could include mile markers and photos of various fauna a flora found in the area. He also discussed the sign design and gave some ideas about it. The Supervisors noted they will look over the materials and get back to the committee.

Michael Kafkalas was recognized who was present on behalf of the Sarah Jones subdivision (Sarah Jones was also present) he discussed stormwater management and noted that each lot will get a dry well for roof runoff only. For the surface water a waiver was offered and adopted as follows: It was demonstrated that the subject site can support shallow subsurface infiltration systems in the form of dry wells for meeting the requirement of storing the 50 year storm developed volume of runoff increase. Although the ordinance requires a deeper limiting zone, it has been shown that the site has well drained hydrologic group "B" soils to depths of 30"+. It has also been determined that the increase runoff from existing conditions to proposed developed conditions can be stored in one (1) dry well. The storing of the proposed homes roof runoff will be directed into a subsurface dry well. This meets the requirement of the 50 year storm storage in the ordinance. The dry wells for the roof downspouts will operate as designed with no maintenance problems. There will be no standing water anywhere and the roof water from each house will be stored and discharged from the subsurface dry well. The use of dry wells is sound and ecological (water quality) storm water management and is highly endorsed by DEP and is a preferred better management practice (BMP) within the NPDES permitting system. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, which motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. A motion was made to show the drywells on the plan; to submit a copy of the original deed to show ownership; for the owner to submit the

recreation fees; and it was agreed to allow the shed to remain on the land since there would not be a road built. These motions were made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Mrs. Moretz, a resident of Turkey Hill Rd. asked what is going on at the corner of Weir Lake Rd. and Kunkletown Rd.. The Zoning Officer commented that he has a call out to the owner who has some paper work to fill out offering information as to what the intentions of use are for the property and has visited the site noticing the trucks that are there are empty the two dumpsters have been removed and he told the owner no garbage can be collected there.

PLANS- Supervisor Drake moved to grant a time extension on the Detrick subdivision until January 2, 2007. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge moved to grant a time extension on the AJ Properties subdivision until January 2, 2007. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Mr. Bittenbender was recognized in the absence of Nate Oiler and he spoke about a 20 foot strip between two properties giving access to Annie's Lane. He indicated that the intention is to eventually dedicate Annie's Lane to the Township. The Planning Commission suggested this access as compared to getting permits to enter Kunkletown Rd. (bad sight distance) The question of flag lots came up at the Planning Commission meeting and the owners of AJ Properties indicate they are not flag lots because they front Kunkletown Rd. and can get permits to access that way. Chairman Beers indicated that he would like to see the permits issue from PennDOT so that the Township is covered. Just a letter saying driveway permits could be issued. Mr. Bittenbender agreed.

OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers read the amendment to Ordinance #11 and a motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to adopt the amendment.

The parking lot lights were discussed and it determined that perhaps a plan will be necessary before we can get pricing on the actual lighting. The Secretary was requested to contact Russ Kresge, Township Engineer for input.

Regarding the Park and Recreation Committee appointments, Supervisor Drake noted that she expects to attend their next meeting and will resolve the matter. Therefore, this was tabled until next month.

Chairman Beers advised that we have not received plans to sign or escrow money from Arsha Vidya and asked how long this can go on. Solicitor Dunn asked how long ago it was approved and the Secretary indicated either 2 or 3 months ago. Supervisor Drake moved to advise them we must have these items by the January 2, 2007 meeting or the plan is null and void. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-The first item on the agenda, appointment of a Planning Commission member was tabled.

Chairman Beers announced there is another Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.; there is a Regional Master Site plan meeting December 13, at

6:00 p.m. and a West End Park and Open Space Committee meeting December 13th and 7:30 p.m. all to be held at Ross Township Municipal Building.

A motion was made to advertise a Public Hearing for January 2, 2007 at 6:30 for SALDO and Zoning Amendment followed by the Township Reorganization meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to accept \$218,000.00 from the County Open Space Fund. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote taken on the motion resulted in Supervisor Drake and Chairman Beers voting in favor and Vice Chairman Kresge opposed. The motion carried.

Supervisor Drake distributed some material concerning the Regional Plan and invited interested parties to attend meetings. She noted that it should be made final approximately January 25th.

Supervisor Drake noted that also on January 25th Act 137 Stormwater issues will be discussed at the Chestnuthill Township building. She noted she will be attending.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers asked Solicitor Dunn about driving hours permitted with CDL license and he indicated he will check into it. Road Foreman Walck indicated he had some information he would furnish to Solicitor Dunn.

Chairman Beers moved to hire Tom Yukna as a part time driver for the coming Winter season since we don't have any. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers questioned the hours the road crew were out and the foreman said they were doing trees and checking roads. He was on vacation and wasn't on duty during this period. Chairman Beers said he was disappointed with the fallen limbs that were still lying around and felt they should have been cleaned up. Vice Chairman Kresge said someone should have been responsible since the Road Foreman was not on duty. Chairman Beers reiterated someone responsible should be here when you are not. The Road Foreman indicated that he will take care of it.

The Road Foreman said the outlet pipe at Haney's pond needs attention.

Chairman Beers moved to give the Fire Co. \$4,000.00 for repair to the wall as was agreed to sometime ago. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary