

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-State Representative John Siproth was recognized by Chairman Beers and said he was present to give a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from DCED as a grant the Township received after applying for funds for computer upgrading for the Zoning Department. The Supervisors offered appreciation to Representative Siproth for attending.

Bernie Kozen introduced himself as the new Director of Parks for the West End Regional Park and noted he is looking forward to his new position.

PLANS-Marv Walton was present on behalf of J & D Holdings subdivision. He noted that the Alternate Engineer's comments have been addressed, however, Solicitor Dunn discussed covenant #10 and noted that he would have to review it. Chairman Beers noted that the engineer fees and recreation fees must be paid also and Mr. Walton said he would pass the information on to the applicant. The next item was the Planning Module which was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the module as recommended by the Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake voted in favor and Chairman Beers abstained. The motion carried.

Hill Farm was next on the agenda and Nate Oiler was present to discuss the conditional approval given by the Planning Commission. One lot has been taken off as discussed previously and the other condition was the planning module which Truman Burnett has for additional information that is needed. A motion was made Vice Chairman Drake to approve the plan conditioned upon the completion of the planning module and the receipt of the recreation fees. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Mr. Edward Koehler was present to review his lot line adjustment plan which he did and a motion was made to approve the plan upon recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The Detrick Subdivision was on the agenda and an update was given by Nate Oiler on behalf of the plan who stated that information has been given to Russ Kresge, Engineer together with a developer's agreement for his recommendation. It was also noted that Recreation fees must be paid before plans are signed.

An extension of time was discussed for the Mary Young subdivision which the Planning Commission is recommending be approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the extension request until January 15, 2008 as requested. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

An extension of time was requested by Mike Lalli on behalf of the Francis Pollock subdivision until January 7, 2008. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve on recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-A request from the Planning Commission was received regarding the status of the lot averaging requirements if any that can be put in the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Dunn noted that it would be necessary to engage a planner and Chairman Beers indicated that steep slopes and wetlands should be addressed in the new language. It was decided to table this issue for further discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Ron Boyd for an additional term as a Planning Commission member. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Roger Christman to the Planning Commission since Gary Chryala will not be serving another term. Mr. Christman's appointment is for a four year term. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Some appointments to the AG Security Board are to be made and some names were discussed but since the Board should be made up of a mix of residents it was determined to table the decision allowing some time to talk to possible candidates. Chairman Beers noted that he has some property in the AG Security program and indicated to Representative Siptroth that he is presently in disagreement with the Transco (Williams Gas Co.) concerning their location of an extension and is seeking assistance in this regard. He added that he has submitted other options to them that would not be in the middle of his field. He said he faxed information to Rep. Siptroth's aide and would appreciate if he would look it over.

Some discussion took place regarding scheduling a CPR refresher class and some dates were submitted by the Wind Gap Ambulance personnel which conflict with other scheduling and the Secretary was requested to obtain some more possible times. Chairman Beers stated that the Road Department must be included in this class.

The Intergovernmental Agreement was next on the agenda and some discussion took place. Chairman Beers stated that he will not sign the agreement and further that he feels we (the Supervisors of Ross) make decisions for Ross and Chestnuthill can make decisions for Chestnuthill. If plans have to go before a committee involving certain members of Chestnuthill Township he indicated he has a problem with that based on some issues that recently occurred prior to the recent election. Vice Chairman Drake moved to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement. The motion did not get a second and Supervisor Kresge said he must give his decision more thought.

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers read a resolution for Eagle Scout Matthew O'Connell and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt said resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Regarding the budget received from the West End Open Space Committee, it was noted to place the amount of \$14,159 slated for Ross in our budget for 2008.

Some discussion took place regarding a reimbursement request received from Deborah Dottery and Monroe County Treasurer. Chairman Beers moved to pay the \$12.09 invoice received from the County as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. In connection with the request from Ms. Dottery, a review of the convention attendance request and the mileage request was made and Solicitor Dunn noted that after reviewing the Township code the tax collector (as well as some other Township officials) is eligible to receive reimbursement for attendance at the Monroe County Township Officials Annual Convention meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the \$50.00 attendance request and the mileage to attend that meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. It was further noted that in the future if reimbursement is requested prior approval is required for any expenses.

Chairman Beers announced a budget work session has been scheduled for Wednesday November 7, 2007 at 6:30p.m. and will be advertised as required.

Vice Chairman Drake stated that she is interested in working with Bill Chappell to update our website all agreed.

Vice Chairman Drake stated she received telephone calls from some residents on Stone Hill Lane concerning four wheelers and extreme noise associated with them. Jerry Kyle Zoning Officer noted that he has been involved with some complaints over this issue and has been working with some of the residents towards a resolution as recent as early as last week he spoke to a neighbor whose children are running the four wheelers and she agreed to cooperate to the extent she can by adhering to certain hours. Mr. Kyle said he is attempting to obtain sound readings when they are running, but as yet has not been successful. Mr. Kyle indicated he will be in touch with Mr. Nolf who is one of the residents involved in this matter.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT-

CORRESPONDENCE-Letter #3 from Rep. Siptroth announcing a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Burnley Workshop was reviewed by Chairman Beers..

Letter #10 from the Pocono Heritage Land Trust was discussed by Vice Chairman Drake in which they are seeking support.

Some discussion took place concerning the formation of an animal response team according to a letter received from the Monroe County Public Safety Center.

A letter was received from the Monroe County Public Safety Center concerning the National Incident Management System and compliance with same. A copy was forwarded to the Township Emergency Management Coordinator (R. Marsili) for his review.

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

Chairman Beers called an executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss litigation.

The executive session ended at 8:40 p.m. where litigation was discussed with no decisions being made and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary