

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers with Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was not present at this time. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the January Reorganization meeting, the Regular meeting and those of the Public Hearing were approved as presented with a motion made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-No one came forward

PLANS-Chairman Beers called Michael Kafkalas who was not present but was seeking a time extension for the Sarah Jones sub-division until April 2, 2007. The extension request was recommended by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept the time extension as indicated. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A time extension request was also received from AJ Properties until March 6, 2007. This extension was also recommended by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to grant the extension as requested.

Solicitor Dunn arrived at this time.

*The next plan on the agenda was the Detrick subdivision. Nate Oiler was present to represent this submission for a waiver and conditional approval. Mr. Oiler noted that the waiver request is for the stormwater and he described the site and how it could be designed with a 20 X 80 shallow dry well to redistribute the water from the house and driveway water. Chairman Beers took exception to the driveway water going into the dry well because the silt tends to clog up the system. Mr. Oiler said they would be only to glad to put the water from the house **only** in the drywell but doing so makes it difficult to meet the calculations necessary. The Planning Commission recommended the waiver.*

Chairman Beers indicated that a note should be on the plan stating that the Township Engineer will inspect these installations in stages not after they have been put in. A fee will have to be paid by the property owner to cover the costs of these inspections. Mr. Oiler suggested that two inspections would probably be enough one for the grading plan and the other during construction. Some discussion took place and Chairman Beers explained the way it is done in other areas by saying that a grading plan is prepared, the Municipality's engineer approves same, the property owner follows the plan and the Township Engineer inspects the work, once completed the Engineer who prepared

the grading plan for the property owner certifies that the plan was followed a certificate of occupancy is then issued. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to grant the waiver to section 1008E to allow a grading plan for each lot which will not allow the driveway water to feed into the drywells. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The next item is the conditional approval for the Detrick subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the subdivision plan with the following conditions; Section 1004H (2) a note will be added to the plan requiring tree trimming to improve Lot 5's driveway sight distance to the west; Section 1004M the Supervisors are requiring improvements to Anchorage Rd. shoulder abutting the property which is to widen the shoulder at the driveways; Section 1007 the Open Space and Recreation Fees of \$600.00 per lot for 5 new lots must be paid; Section 1008E (1) it will be necessary to confirm that the soil probes are suitable as required by this section; the shoulder improvements will be accomplished by the developer right away, or bonding will be required, additionally, a note will be put on the plan and in the deed stating that a grading plan and stormwater facilities are the responsibility of the lot owner and will be submitted prior to the issuance of a building permit. The grading plan must be certified by the engineer who drafted same that the grading plan was followed. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Another motion was made by Supervisor Kresge stating that two driveway permits are needed for the remaining lands either side of Rt. 115. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS-A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Kirk & Co. CPA to perform the audit for the year 2006. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The next item was an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board which was done with a motion by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint David Corrado to the Board, for a three year term removing him as an alternate and appointing David Shay as an alternate to complete the unexpired 5 year term. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote resulted in Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake in favor and Supervisor Kresge against. The motion carried.

The County Open Space agreement was next and Solicitor Dunn noted that the paperwork submitted to him is the typical agreement as any other Township and if the Supervisors so desire someone else could look it over since he represents the County and he added that the deed will have to have the restrictive covenants added to the deed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to sign the agreement and to authorize the necessary language be added to the deed. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken on the motion resulting in Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake in favor and Supervisors Kresge opposed. The motion carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the Fire Co. Flashing Signal maintenance agreement. Solicitor Dunn reviewed the situation noting that PennDOT allowed the placement on the State Rd. but will not be responsible for maintenance of same. Additionally, an easement is required which must be issued to the Township per PennDOT. Since the Township does not want the responsibility of installing, or maintaining such equipment Solicitor Dunn drafted an agreement to be signed by both Hamilton Township and Ross Township together with the Fire Co. This agreement can be signed after the easement is accomplished. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to sign such agreement after Solicitor Dunn has the documents necessary. The motion carried.

Regarding the Designation of an Emergency Services Provider Solicitor Dunn said we are under no obligation to sign an agreement for this. No further action was taken.

Vice Chairman Drake spoke about a regional stormwater plan for the McMichaels Watershed. Ross Township only has a small portion in the McMichaels watershed. Chairman Beers indicated that he thinks the Township has a plan for the Brodhead Creek. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to go along with the regional plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake added that an intergovernmental agreement will be needed for the regional comprehensive plan. She will email same.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- Referring to a letter received concerning Mountain Rd. the Road Foreman noted that he will put cold patch to make the repair.

Concerning manpower for snowplowing, the Road Foreman stated that Charles Sandt is interested in plowing, part time. He noted that Floyd Christman would be on board but he is presently having medical problems. It was suggested that Mr. Yukna be contacted as another interested worker.

The Road Foreman asked if he could purchase portable torches to be used for signs, etc., to avoid having to run back to the shop when needed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to purchase the torches as requested. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- A letter received from Wind Gap Ambulance asking for a donation towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Some discussion took place concerning this matter and it was decided to table a decision until next month.

A letter was received from Mr. Raseley Scoutmaster requesting use of the park property for two overnight campouts 3/31-4/1 and 4/28-4/29 following no trace camping leaving not impact on the land. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to give permission for this activity. The motion carried. It was noted that in the future requests be sent to the Park and Recreation Committee who will make a recommendation to the Supervisors for decisions on the use of the park property.

Some discussion took place concerning a letter from Attorney Lyons in connection with the Watershed Management Plan and Vice Chairman Drake noted that she would contact him in this regard.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary