

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2008

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

*There was a review of the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting and the current Treasurer's report followed by a motion made by Supervisor Drake to accept both as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. & Mrs. H. Stecker presented a lot joinder plan to put two lots they own together forming one parcel. Solicitor Dunn noted that he was furnished the paper work and the owners also need a deed showing that this is being done. He noted that he will contact their engineer to advise him of this matter. A motion was made by Chairman Beers to approve this joinder after Solicitor Dunn is satisfied that all the necessary documents are in order. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*Judy Breidinger, a Park Committee member was present and discussed a Community Day event and submitted a list of various activities that could be included. Chairman Beers noted the only problem would be parking down at the pond area since the parking lot is on the Anchorage Rd. side. He suggested if the parking (other than handicapped who would park closer to the Kunkletown Rd. side) is contained to the existing parking lot perhaps a tractor/hay wagon could transport people to the event location. Some questions about the type of events took place which resulted in the following answers pony rides, ambulance, fire company, and other volunteer organizations, refreshment sales (by one non profit organization). The concensus of opinion was all agreed with the concept and the Park Committee should move forward with contacting interested organizations to determine their interest for a successful event. Chairman Beers also noted that the old building that is slated for demolition is still not torn down and would like to see it done.*

*Donald Hirschman a resident near Weir Lake Rd. and Kunkletown Rd. was present expressing concern over the trucks, dumpsters, dust, and odors coming from the property located on the corner of Kunkletown Rd. and Weir Lake Rd.. He wanted to know the status of the privacy fencing or screening work that is to be done. Solicitor Dunn gave a review of the Magistrates hearing that was held and the corrective measures that were to be accomplished. At present, he added, things have not been done by the property owner as required by the Magistrate and the Township will be back in the Magistrates office for further action. Solicitor Dunn added that the Township can only do what the Ordinance allows and must proceed in a fashion guided by same although sometimes a lengthy process. Solicitor Dunn informed Mr. Hirschman that*

*he is welcome to come the Magistrates hearing and further if he is not satisfied can seek his own legal counsel.*

*Frank Piraino, a resident and Planning Commission member was recognized and spoke about a roundtable session he attended with Monroe County Planning Commission at which discussion took place about large homes currently being built which later house two and three families resulting in burdening the schools, etc.. He expressed concern and thought maybe somewhere along the way this could be a matter of interest when adopting new or amendments to ordinances. Chairman Beers said the definition of single family should be addressed. Solicitor Dunn indicated that the Zoning Ordinance should be reviewed to determine whether it addresses dwelling or use. (is the ordinance restricting) It was determined that the Solicitor and Zoning Officer would look over the matter to determine the focus whether structure or use. Truman Burnett noted that the septic system addresses single family or multifamily and was not aware of any regulations that limit the number of people. It was pointed out that the schools should also be involved in these matters.*

*OLD BUSINESS-The Intergovernmental Agreement was next on the agenda noting all the changes were made to the Solicitor's satisfaction a motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers to approve this agreement contingent upon the others involved agreeing and signing also.*

*Chairman Beers noted skipping over Plans on the agenda and addressed it at this point. The item on the agenda is an extension request by Mountain View Estates/ Pear Tree Builders. Vice Chairman Kresge asked the status of the litigation they are involved in with the property owner and its affects on the Township. Chairman Beers said he doesn't understand how this plan could have been accepted when we (the Supervisors) do not agree with the fact that the owner's signature is not on the plan and suggested a letter be sent stating the Supervisors may not have the same opinion as the Planning Commission regarding the owner's statement and we are granting extensions. Solicitor Dunn said the Supervisor's are under no obligation to do that and when the plan comes before the Supervisors the Ordinance requirements have to be met. Chairman Beers added that he believes they have not even met as yet with the gas pipeline company in order to get approval for the roadway construction shown on the plan. Solicitor Dunn suggested that if you grant the extension one more time you can also request information about the owners signature and the roadway crossing the pipeline that is shown on the plan. A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to agree with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to extend until July 8, 2008 and further to include a request of the developer to submit a letter from the property owner of her intent to move forward with this sub division application and sale to Mountain View Estates/Peartree Builders and a status report from the gas pipeline regarding the roadway installation over their line. The motion carried.*

*Regarding the Close the Loop request for a give and take day the Secretary was requested to write a letter to them advising they should wait to hold their event until the fall clean up which will give them an opportunity to dispose of unwanted items.*

*Concerning the lot averaging Russ Kresge is still working on some details which will follow shortly, therefore this matter was tabled.*

*Chairman Beers introduced two proposals for a pavilion building for the park one from Alpha Buildings \$8,525 and the other from Pioneer Pole Buildings \$9,840 an additional verbal one was for \$15,000. Chairman Beers noted the difference between the two was in the overhang. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to purchase the building from Alpha Building as described above. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*The park fence was tabled until next month and Chairman Beers noted that we are awaiting reply from the water company since he spoke to their representative about the water line and the fence.*

*Regarding the E 3M oil since no bids were received it was determined to purchase it as needed.*

*NEW BUSINESS-In response to a letter from the Monroe County Youth Group for a donation for their field day, a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to donate \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*It was noted that a memo was received from Linda Marsili regarding destruction of EIT records. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve the request (list dated May 14<sup>th</sup>). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*A letter was received from the Pa. One Call. Solicitor Dunn will review and advise.*

*Chairman Beers discussed the issue of an applicant using a different inspection company than the Township is presently using exclusively. He questioned the Zoning Officer who responded saying any expense from another inspection company is borne solely by the person hiring that inspection company, all Township costs remain the same. The Zoning Officer explained the procedure as it is now. With many questions it was determined that research be done on this issue for discussion at the next meeting.*

*Supervisor Drake discussed a revision of the Stormwater Ordinance to include the Aquashicola watershed with the Brodhead Creek. She will make copies of a draft of Chestnuthill Townships for our review.*

*Chairman Beers noted the front of the municipal building needs refurbishing and made some suggestions such as new posts, a new handicapped ramp and a general clean up of the siding and roof of the portico. It was decided to go ahead with these repairs.*

*Chairman Beers discussed the doggy waste stations for the park area and it was decided to purchase two of them. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*Regarding the one-call letter and request to join Solicitor Dunn reviewed same and indicated that they want the Township to become a member and after some discussion it was decided that we are not joining at this time.*

*ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- It was noted that the grass needs mowing, the building (old barn/garage) needs to be demolished. Some discussion took place concerning a preconstruction conference with Penndot, Hamilton Township, Ross Township and Haines and Kibblehouse. It was suggested that Vice Chairman Kresge attend.*

*CORRESPONDENCE- A letter was received from Monroe County Commissioners concerning the tax collector bond for Ross Township's tax collector. Solicitor Dunn suggested that the Secretary call him in the morning for a conference call with the author of the letter for resolution.*

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

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*