

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Beers following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It was approximately 7:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present as was Solicitor Dunn.

After a review of the minutes of the March 2, 2009 meeting and the Treasurer's Report as presented, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to accept them both. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger from the Park Committee showed the board a map of the VanBusKirk/Haney Park with possible layout for playground equipment, they picked out some options but were unsure on how much was available to spend. Chairman Beers said that they would look in the fund to see what was available. It was also decided that they should start with a set that could be added on to at a latter time. She also wanted to know if they could use pictures from the events at the park to put on the website. It was agreed as long as she contacted Bill Chappell herself. The Egg Hunt that was held on the 4th was successful; however the ground had received some ruts from someone parking on the grass. The Park Committee members said they would take care of it. This brought up the subject of putting up a fence or using rocks. Supervisor Beers said that he had large rocks that they could have. He could load them on the township trucks to be placed. Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake agreed that this would be fine.

Linda Zak was recognized; she wanted to know about burning bans and their being enforced. After some discussion Chairman Beers was willing to look into something. Supervisor Drake said there was no one to enforce the ban, Vice Chairman Kresge had no answers but was concerned.

Supervisor Beers excused himself from the board to have a building permit extended to October 31, 2009. The permit was issued in 8/17/04. It was agreed that if the work was not done by the extended date, a new permit was needed.

PLANS-Barry Bourquin from Pear Tree Builders was present with Mike Russek, Engineer from Van Cleef, and Lisa Pereira from Broughal & DeVito, LLP. They wanted to get the Supervisors input on four (4) items that were needed to continue with the completion of their design for the subdivision plan. 1) Stub Streets- all agreed that there should be three (3) as shown on the plan. 2) Street Lighting-all agreed that they were against it. 3) Recreation land or fee- all members wanted the Recreation fee. 4) Individual Lot drainage systems-after some explanation, the Supervisors agreed that they would like to see the drainage systems on every house not just the houses on the Moser property.

Barry has requested an extension of time for Pear Tree; after some discussion about being able to get on the property of Mastrodi to do testing; Chairman Beers made a

motion that the extension be extended to May 5th, 2009 and not to July 7th, 2009 as requested. There was no second, motion died. Supervisor Drake made a motion not to grant extension because of numerous comments on letters from Russ Kresge & Assoc., Hanover Engineering, lack of access to property, and ownership of property. Vice Chairman Kresge seconded the motion. With more discussion, the previous motion was rescinded and a motion was made to grant the extension until May 5th, 2009, and if there is not a significant change then there will be no further extensions. Vice Chairman Kresge seconded the motion. Supervisor Drake was opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Beers gave some clarification to Mr. Bourquin on the dedication of roads.

OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers had estimates to repair the roof on one of the storage buildings. Chairman Beers made a motion to have Erie Material Scranton supply the material. Supervisor Drake seconded. Motion carried. Supervisor Drake made a motion to have L & J Improvements to do the labor. Vice Chairman Kresge seconded the motion. Motion carried. The color chosen for the metal roof was coffee.

The Stormwater Ordinance-Supervisor Drake said some of the wording needs to be changed and nothing further would be done until they have the comments from Russ Kresge & Assoc.

Supervisor Drake clarified that the Real Estate tax being collected was **not** Township tax but a County tax.

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers had a request from the Boy Scout Troop #102 to use the park for a rocket launch and campout April 25-26, 2009 and to use the pavilion as a meeting place for the summer months. It was agreed to allow the rocket launch and campout, but had some concern with having exclusive use. Their gathering is not to chase other residents away.

Cohen Law Group has agreed to perform a free legal assessment of our cable franchise agreement. It was agreed that they could do the assessment.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy- The Supervisors had a meeting with this firm to update our Zoning Ordinance, Land Development Ordinance, and Appalachian Trail. Things also need to be changed in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The County will pay \$10,000.00 which is half of there cost. Chairman Beers made a motion to hire Spotts, Stevens & McCoy to do this work. The Planning Commission will also be involved in these changes. There will be six (6) meeting. Supervisors Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Drake mentioned that the Park Committee was having a tree planting for Arbor Day. The hemlock that was planted a few years ago was dying, she thought if would be nice to replace it with a flowering dogwood or a red maple tree. Before the planting of the tree they should check to see where the Veterans Memorial will be located.

ROAD FOREMAN-Supervisor Drake made a motion to advertise for In Place Road Contract & Material Bids as recommended by the Road Foreman. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers.

CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted a receipt of a letter from WEPOSC requesting a letter of support. Vice Chairman Kresge made a motion to write a letter of support, and was seconded by Chairman Beers. Motion carried.

Chairman Beers addressed a copy of a letter that was sent to Clyde Keiper who requested Watch Children Road signs from PennDot. In PennDot's letter they do not put up these signs; if the Township wanted to purchase, erect and maintain the signs, they were to contact the PennDot to view a location and to obtain a permit. The members disagreed with PennDot; we do not put up signs on state roads, we feel this is their responsibility.

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 was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Steen