

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
May 3, 2017**

Attendance:

**Supervisors – Ronald Burd
James Heckman
Keith Harter**

Solicitor – John Miller

**Staff - Donna Reese
Terry Harter
Donald Franson, Engineer
Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer**

**Guests – Deb Zimmerman (Park & Rec Board)
Ken McMullen (Resident)**

Call to Order: Chairman Ron Burd called the May 3, 2017 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Burd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of April 2017 Meeting Minutes: James Heckman motioned to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2017 monthly meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: There were no Agenda items to discuss.

Guests: There were no guests who wanted to address the Board.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller reported **Oakridge Lumber** requested their \$7,500 Letter of Credit be released because they were finished using Hoy Road. Jim Heckman motioned to release the Oakridge Lumber Bond; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Mr. Miller also reported **East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority** informed him they have no interest in the Agreement the Township has with **Mount Nittany Realty** (Chad Fisher & Will Rigg). Mr. Miller has contacted Mount Nittany Realty and they concur the Agreement could be dissolved. Donna will contact Stan Wallace, who was the surveyor on the Junction House project at the time, to see why this Agreement was necessary.

Engineer's Report: Engineer Don Franson provided a plan for the paving of the **soccer field parking lot**. The plan shows 33 standard size parking spots and 2 handicapped spots that are van accessible. The paved lot will provide ADA connections to the restroom and pavilion. Don estimates the cost to be \$60-\$65,000.

Don also provided plans for the **Park Walking Trail/Path**. He stated the path will be 10' wide, 2750' long and will use TSA materials. The contractor will 'peel off' the top layer of grit and replace with the approved TSA material. Estimated cost of this project is \$30,000. Jim Heckman motioned to advertise the bid/plans for the Park Walking Trail/Path; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don also spoke about the stormwater issues on **Hemlock Drive**. He stated the inlet box should be removed and replaced with a Type M box; he will obtain the appropriate permit from PennDOT and the project will be prepared for bid.

Deb Zimmerman asked about the status of the new restroom* (*this should be pavilion not restroom- was corrected in June's minutes*) and Engineer Franson replied we are waiting on inspections before the concrete is poured. Discussed a frozen water line to the drinking fountain at the new restroom; PBCI Allen will cover the cost since it is still under warranty. We will also check prices for fittings/valves to use when winterizing the restroom pipes to avoid this problem in the future. .

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 13 permits during April with a total value of \$1.3 million and fees of \$2,898. He reported he continues to track the progress of the clean-up on the Benner Road property. He also reported he spoke to the property owner about the demolition of a home on Forest Avenue and the owner told him it should be down within the next few weeks.

He also updated the Supervisors on possible cell towers (**DAS networks**) being placed within road right-of-ways. PUC is not classifying these DAS networks as public utilities at this time but is suggesting ordinances be updated to address the possibility.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster Jim Heckman reported on a vehicle parked along a Township road right-of-way that is causing damage. The Solicitor was requested to send a letter to the property owner asking the vehicle be moved to within his property boundaries.

Discussed the proposed **2017 Road Project** but will not advertise until Soil Conservation is contacted about possible solutions for the runoff problems along Rodgers Road.

Jim Heckman motioned to purchase a hydraulic braker for \$2,499.40 to assist in installing posts; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Jim reported the new Tarco leaf truck should be here on Tuesday.

Discussed the traffic islands at the **Walker Meadows entrance** and also the **Stony Pointe entrance**. The concrete is deteriorating and should be replaced. Engineer Franson will check the islands and Jim will contact John Claar for an estimate.

Jim also stated appreciation for our residents during the recent storm event. The storm downed many trees and left debris everywhere and our residents were willing to help in removing trees and debris from our roads along with their properties.

Supervisor Harter asked about the berm work bids that were received. Roadmaster Heckman said he contacted Kevin Frank at Porter Township and they haven't done berm work for several years. No additional action taken.

Jim Heckman motioned to appoint Cindy Kunes to the Township Planning Commission; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Keith Harter motioned to approve the April Paid General Fund bills in the amount of \$40,997.09 and also approve the April Treasurer's Report. Motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Keith Harter motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Reese, Secretary