

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
June 7, 2017

Supervisors - Ronald Burd
James Heckman
Keith Harter

Solicitor - John Miller III

Staff - Donna Reese **Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer**
Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests - Park & Recreation Board members – Deb Zimmerman,
Pam Rogers, Donna Snyder, Cheryl Vonada, Cindy Kunes
Representative from Kerry Uhler's Office (signature not legible)
Mike Seyler (Township resident)

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the June 7, 2017 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Keith Harter motioned to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting with the following correction: Page 2017-13, Paragraph 2, Line1 '*status of new 'restroom'*' this should be '*pavilion*' not restroom; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors with the correction.

Agenda Items:

A representative from Kerry Uhler's office was here to go over the outstanding items on the **Leslie Deitrich 2-Lot Subdivision** (CCPCDO No. 69-17).

- James Heckman motioned to approve the private road name **Fence Row Lane** for the subdivision; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to approve the DEP Component 1 Sewage Facilities Module for the Deitrich Subdivision; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to approve the Park & Rec Board recommendation of \$2,500 for the fee-in-lieu-of-land assessment; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Keith Harter motioned to add the Planning Commission's comments regarding the 'ag disclaimer' and also the 'water quality/quantity' disclaimer to the County's Municipal Response Request Form, motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to approve the plan and issue the meets/exceeds letter once a copy of an updated plan is received showing the above comments; motion second Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Mike Seyler requested information on how to get a Road Maintenance Bond to haul logs from his property. He said someone told him he had to attend the Supervisors meeting to obtain approval. Solicitor Miller explained the procedure to Mr. Seyler telling him that an executed agreement and the required Surety/Bond from his logger must be received before the Supervisors approve. Mr. Seyler

questioned if he had to wait another month for approval. James Heckman motioned to approve the proposed Road Maintenance Agreement with Mr. Seyler's logger pending receipt of the appropriate Surety/Bond and the executed Agreement; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Cindy Kunes (representing the Park & Rec Board) spoke to the Supervisors on her recent appointment to the Township's Planning Commission. She stated her Planning Commission appointment contained the stipulation that she resign from the Park & Rec Board. Cindy stated she has been a member of the Park Board for many years and was recently appointed to the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority and she feels she can serve in these capacities because she will be retired at the end of June. Solicitor Miller stated he did not see a problem with Ms. Kunes' multiple appointments. Keith Harter motioned to approve Cindy's continuing in the Park & Rec Board capacity along with her appointment to our Planning Commission and also to serve on the NVJRA; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Cindy then discussed the **Park & Rec Board's budget items**. She stated they currently have 4 budgetary items and it is sometimes confusing what budget item certain expenses fall under. The Park Board would like to request the 'activities' and 'short-term improvements' accounts to combined into one account and that any remaining year-end balance be rolled-over into the following year. She said the Park & Rec Board would also like to know who is responsible for the **funds in the "Fee-in-Lieu Account"** and if Supervisor approval is required for expending those funds. Because of the confusion of which expense comes from which account, it was suggested that any future expenses also include the account from which the payment should come from. It was also suggested that all the park budget items be combined into one account (excluding the Fee-in-Lieu Account). The Supervisors tabled the budget funding issues until more discussions can be held.

There was also discussion about the possible employment of someone to coordinate the park activities and improvements; this would be an hourly as-needed and/or seasonal position to help brainstorm the activities and ideas and to actually help execute them.

Deb Zimmerman reported they received a price of \$1,185 from **Victorian Signs for a new sign at the Park entrance**. This sign will be made of metal instead of wood and will contain an erasable event sign that will hang beneath the Park sign. Keith Harter motioned to approve the purchase of the sign; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Deb also reported the picnic tables for the new pavilion will be delivered by the end of the month. She stated 12 tables were ordered but she's not sure if they will all fit in the pavilion. The sidewalks to the new pavilion and new restroom will be completed when the parking lot is paved and the new walking path/trail is completed.

The last item from the Park & Rec Board concerned a possible **revision to Ordinance 148, Establishing the Park & Recreation Board**. Deb stated she noticed some discrepancies with some items in the Ordinance and ask about the process for a revision/amendment. Solicitor Miller stated it depends on the nature of the change - revise, repeal or amend. Deb stated they will get their comments together and come back to the Supervisors.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Miller reported he received the executed **Road Maintenance Agreement from Larry Boob**, along with his surety of \$10,125 to use 8/10 mile of Dunkle Road. Jim Heckman motioned to approve the Agreement with Larry Boob to use Dunkle Road; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all Supervisors.

Solicitor Miller also reported he has had no response from **Zito Media** to his request for a copy of their complaint report.

Solicitor Miller also reported on the status of the **Junction House Agreement** with Mount Nittany Realty Company. Mr. Miller stated it appears this \$1,000 escrow was not instigated by DEP; therefore if all parties agree the agreement could be amended to remove the escrow. Mr. Miller provided the proposed amendment to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement. The significant changes made to the agreement is Paragraph 7 establishing the escrow account will be totally removed. Mount Nittany reaffirms its obligation to repair, replace and/or maintain the system as required by the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Keith Harter motioned to accept Solicitor Miller's Agreement Amendment and return the \$1,000 escrow amount; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineer's Report:

Engineer Franson reported he checked a property on **Ponderosa Drive** and would like to respond that the Township would rather not have any modifications to the stormwater facilities within the right-of-way.

Don reported on the PennDOT Annual Highway Performance Monitoring System Report we received for **Jacob Road**. Don suggested we pull the Jacob Road Project folder and use that information to complete the form.

Don stated he will have the Rodgers Road Bridge beam painting bid proposal ready for July.

Zoning Officer's Report:

Zoning Officer Zimmerman reported on his May zoning activities. He issued 5 Zoning permits and 3 Road Encroachment permits with a total cost of \$787,650 and fees of \$1,691. He also reported the clean-up at the Burris property is proceeding.

Vaughn also reported he received confirmation that PUC does not consider cell towers as public utility facilities at this time.

New Business:

Received a request from Eli Halterman to use our **basketball courts** on Sundays from 4 to 6pm on June 4th through July 30th. Park & Rec Board members in attendance stated they did not have a problem with this request and Deb Zimmerman stated she would post a sign that the courts are reserved during those times. Jim Heckman motioned to post the reserved sign at the basketball courts; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster's Report:

Jim reported the new leaf vac works well; he said they learned some things about picking-up the leaves.

He also reported they received a complaint about a **culvert pipe along Hublersburg Road** and the resident thinks it's the township's responsibility to replace. Jim stated the right-of-way on Hublersburg Road is 33½' and the culvert is under the driveway. Engineer Franson feels it is the homeowners responsibility since the pipe is under their driveway.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to put resurfacing of Snyderstown Road (at Beck's location) and Rodgers Road out for bid as our **2017 Road Project**; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. We will contact our PennDOT rep to prepare the bid papers.

Jim also reported there has been some dumping along Blue Ball Road again. Fortunately, a license plate number was observed and citations may be issued. Jim stated four (4) signs will be purchased stating 'no dumping permitted' and will be installed at several locations along Blue Ball Road.

Jim reported a culvert along Nilson Road was replaced and we are waiting for Eby Paving to patch the area.

Keith Harter motioned to obtain quotes for berm work on Snyderstown Road and Hublersburg Road including prime oil application after stones are placed; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Will have PennDOT representative check the berms and prepare the bid papers.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to accept with regret, the resignation of Terry Harter; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Keith Harter motioned to approve the May Paid Bills in the amount of \$137,032.49 and also the May Treasurer's Report; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

At 7:30pm the following bids were opened for the Park Walking Trail/Path –

Glenn O Hawbaker	\$56,636.00
John Claar Excavating	\$44,345.00

Keith Harter motioned to reject all the bids and rebid the project to include paving the soccer field parking lot and making sure the parking lot connects with the walking path, the pavilion and the restroom. Motion second by Ron Burd 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 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Reese, Secretary/Treasurer