WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
April 1, 2020

Supervisors	–	**Keith Harter** **Deborah Zimmerman** **James Heckman**
Solicitor	–	**John Miller III - Not Present--comments by email**
Staff	–	**Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer** **Donna Reese - Not Present** **Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer** **Don Franson - Township Engineer**
Guests	–	**Doug Speerstra - Township Resident** **Wyatt Harter - Township Resident** **Jeff Harter - Township Resident**

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the April 1, 2020 monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- Doug Speerstra, 415 Dunkle Road, Howard, came to the Board to ask for assistance regarding the safety issue of not being able to see down the road when pulling out of his driveway. His sight distance is blocked by a thick row of shrubs that are planted on his neighbor's property along his driveway. He had previous discussions with the Zoning Officer and the Roadmaster concerning this. He stated that he feels the shrubs are planted within the road easement and should be removed.

  Supervisor Harter said that he did see some obstruction and when he talked with the neighbor he offered to move the shrubs but wanted to wait until fall so he wouldn't kill them with the move. Supervisor Harter said he called Kurt Krape, a local landscaper, and asked about moving the shrubs at this time. Mr. Krape stated that they could be safely moved if they were not in bud, but once they came into bud it would not be good to move them.

  Wyatt Harter, 438 Dunkle Road whose property the shrubs are located on, told the Board he trimmed the trees. He also purchased a convex traffic mirror to install if the Board approves. He does not want to move the shrubs at this time as they are in bud.

  Engineer Franson discussed the Right of Way (ROW) discrepancies (33 ft vs 50 ft right of way) for Mr. Speerstra and surrounding properties. He conferred with Solicitor Miller and they both feel the ROW is 33 ft. The Township can only authorize the trees to be removed if they are in the ROW. He said that the sight distance appears less than desirable.

  Engineer Franson is going to meet with both Mr. Speerstra and Mr. Harter on Saturday, April 4, 2020, to measure the property lines and determine the ROW and site distance. He will conduct further research into the Township allowing the convex mirror to be installed.

  Mr. Speerstra also noted that the Zoning Ordinance states that no screenings can be closer than five (5) feet to any street or property line.

Engineering Report (con't):

- Engineer Franson inspected **Deerhaven Phase 2A** and has no objection to the reduced surety amount of $36,682.36. Supervisor Harter made a motion to reduce Deerhaven Phase 2A Surety from $234,624.23 to $36,682.36; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A notification of a planned land development was received from Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. for **Deerhaven Phase 3A** (as required by PA DEP). The Board did not have any comments and therefore the form does not need to be sent back.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 206** amending the Walker Township Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map by rezoning Centre County Tax Parcel No. 14-004-098 from Urban Residential District to Agricultural District; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Due to COVID-19, Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt the **Declaration of Disaster Emergency** as prepared by the Township's EMC, Shannon Allison; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Notice was received from Coleman Environmental Engineering to inform the Board of their intent to submit an application to the PA DEP for the Sampsel Lane Culvert Project. The Board had no comments.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 6 Zoning Permits and 3 Driveway Permits.
- Vaughn received a trash complaint for a property on Black Walnut St.

Roadmaster Report:

- A letter was sent from Chia Ann Rutkowski, 315 Hublersburg Rd, regarding the drainage issue in front of her property. Supervisor Harter said this issue is not in our right of way or roadway. He asked the Secretary to send a letter suggesting the resident contact a local contractor or PennDot.
- A new water line from the new Pavilion to Bathroom was installed.
- The down spout on the building was repaired.
- On going Vehicle Maintenance continued.
- Road Inspections will depend on when the Stay at Home restrictions are lifted
- Park restrooms will not be opened until the Stay at Home restrictions are lifted
- Park equipment will now be prohibited from use, instead of use at your own risk.
- It was decided to not apply for the Dirt and Gravel grant this year. Other options are being considered.

New Business:

- No action was taken on the letter from Clearwater Conservancy for Watershed Cleanup Day on May 2, 2020.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of $67,849.47 and the March 2020 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Zimmerman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

Susan L. Wagner, Secretary