

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2015**

Attendance:

Supervisors-	James Heckman Ronald Burd Brian Saiers
Solicitor-	John Miller, III
Staff-	Leah Burd Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer Donna Reese Don Franson – Township Engineer
Guests:	Wayne Engle (Nittany Engineering) Marilyn Engle

Call to Order: James Heckman called the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: Wayne Engle presented the **Final Land Development Plan** for the **Zion Dollar General Store** for approval. Ronald Burd motioned to sign the Zion Dollar General Final LDP; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests: There were no additional comments from the guests present.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller prepared a Resolution, as requested by EPA, to approve **Amendments to Bellefonte Wastewater Plant Pretreatment Rules and Regulations** related to local limits. This Resolution was never adopted. Recent correspondence from Bellefonte Borough Authority states that EPA cannot accept Resolutions, the changes must be adopted via Ordinance. Bellefonte Borough is drafting an ordinance which must be passed by all four municipalities participating in the Authority. EPA is requesting copies of the adopted ordinances within thirty days. As Solicitor Miller has not yet received the draft ordinance, he proposed the following two options: table action until the November meeting, then with Supervisors approval, it can be advertised for adoption at the December meeting; if it is a simple amendment the

Supervisors can authorize him to review the proposed Ordinance and if all is in order to advertise it for adoption at the November meeting. James Heckman motioned to authorize Solicitor Miller to advertise the Ordinance to amend our Sewer Pretreatment Rules and Regulations with Bellefonte Borough provided the information is received in time to be reviewed and advertised for consideration at the November meeting; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineers Report: Construction has begun on the **new restroom**. Sewer and water laterals are installed and the foundation is in. SSR has requested a 24 day time extension due to lead time for delivery of the ground face block. James Heckman motioned to grant a 24 day time extension for completion of the project; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. Don also stated a change order was in process for grit chamber as requested by SBWJA and that Walker Township Water Association requested the balance of \$4,000 for the tap on fee. Payment of the fee was approved.

Don will contact the developer of **Glen Acres** in the coming week regarding their Maintenance Bond.

Don recommends the Township not apply for **Liquid Fuels Grant** money this year as we were awarded monies last year.

Dave Palmer (Maxwell Trucking & Excavating) reported work would begin on the **Cedar Lane Stormwater Project** this Monday. They may request to use Zion Ridgecrest Park for storage of materials.

Donna Reese inquired about a request received from the contractor of the restroom project for a **tax exempt number**. She stated she has not been asked to provide this in the past to a contractor and was concerned about the legality of providing it. Approval was given to provide the tax exempt certificate.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 13 zoning permits in August - including four for new homes.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster Brian Saiers reported the following:

- Spring Township will not be billed for last **winter's maintenance in Springfield** since they provided street sweeping services to Walker Township in the spring;
- **Leaf collection** will start October 26 and run through November 25;
- Brian Saiers motioned to keep the same **winter maintenance agreement with Marion Township**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- **2016 Liquid Fuel Allocation** is estimated at \$170,165.57 with a Turnback Allocation of \$3,360.00;

- Several diseased **ash trees** on adjoining property that were overhanging onto the park were removed in cooperation with the landowner;
- The road crew is preparing for leaf collection and winter maintenance.

New Business:

- The Park & Rec Board Meeting Summary was discussed as follows:
 1. Needed maintenance to the sign posts at **Zion Ridgecrest Park** was noted;
 2. Ronald Burd motioned to begin the process to **construct a pavilion** near the new restrooms; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;
 3. Brian Saiers reported there has been less damage at the park restrooms since the dusk to dawn lights were installed. The Supervisors recommended leaving the lighting as is
- James Heckman motioned to approve the appointment of **Ron Zimmerman** to a vacancy on the Planning Commission; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Mr Zimmerman will fill an unexpired term due to the resignation of Nicholas Pelick;
- James Heckman motioned to send letters of support to state and federal legislators in response to a letter sent by Spring Township regarding the **I80/I99 interchanges**; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Spring Township is urging funding to construct the high-speed interchange at that location;
- The Supervisors had no comments to a letter received from **Benner Township** regarding rezoning at 344 Fulton Run Road.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the September 2015 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$49,746.91 and the September 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Brian Saiers motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.