

**WALKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monthly Meeting  
April 1, 2015**

**Attendance:**

**Supervisors-**

**James Heckman  
Ronald Burd  
Brian Saiers**

**Solicitor-**

**John Miller III**

**Staff-**

**Donna Reese      Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer  
Leah Burd          Don Franson – Township Engineer**

**Guests:**

**Pam Rogers (Park & Rec Board)  
Alex Genet (Boy Scout Troop 370)  
Chad Fisher (Mount Nittany Realty)  
Ray Roland (Cherry Road Resident)  
Michael Edmonds (Nittany Valley Little League)  
Dave Reeder (Nittany Valley Little League)**

**Call to Order:** James Heckman called the April 1, 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 March Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes:** Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2015 regular meeting and the March 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items:** **Chad Fisher**, developer of the **Junction House Apartments**, stated he attended the March Park & Rec Board meeting to discuss the ‘fee-in-lieu’ assessment for the proposed two building apartment complex (10 units) on the old Kyle property in Nittany. The Park & Rec Board considered the opinion rendered by Solicitor Miller regarding the definition of a dwelling unit and also the status of the building’s sewer and water connections, which currently provides for six units. Therefore, the Park & Rec board recommended the Supervisors assess a ‘fee-in-lieu’ payment for the four additional dwelling units. Ronald Burd motioned to accept the recommendation of the Park & Rec Board for ‘fee-in-lieu’ assessment for four new dwelling units at the Junction House Apartments; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Alex Genet** presented the Board with a proposal to install mileage markers along the walking trail as his **Eagle Scout Project**. Mr Genet stated he discussed his ideas with the Park & Rec Board and received their recommendation to pursue the project pending Supervisor approval. James Heckman motioned to approve the recommendation of the Park & Red Board to accept Alex Genet's request to install signage along the walking trail for his Eagle Scout Project; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. Alex will work with the Park & Rec Board on this project.

**Pam Rogers** thanked the Supervisors for moving forward with the Park restroom construction project; she also reported the Park & Rec Board would like to pursue adding a pavilion at the soccer fields. Pam stated the Park & Rec Board received a complaint regarding the use of metal detectors and subsequent digging in the park. The Park & Rec Board is considering installing several signs throughout the Park that show the park rules. She also stated the Board is looking into upgrading the walking trail surface.

**Guests:** **Ray Roland** expressed concern about the condition of **Cherry Road (Zion View Vista)**. Mr Roland stated the pavement is breaking up and pieces of asphalt are being tossed about by road maintenance equipment. He further stated there is loose gravel on the aprons which is also a potential hazard. Roadmaster Brian Saiers will inspect the road.

**Michael Edmonds** from the **Nittany Valley Little League** presented plans for the construction of a **new concession stand and press box** at the baseball fields. Mr Edmonds reviewed the plans and asked for comments and questions. He stated the league has received financial commitments from various sources and does not anticipate requesting any Township financial assistance. The Park & Rec Board reviewed the plan at their March meeting and recommended Supervisor approval. Mr Edmonds stated the League is seeking L&I approval and that they would like to start construction as soon as the regular season is over. James Heckman motioned to approve the plan for the new concession stand and press box; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Miller received a request from **Larry Cleaver for a Road Maintenance Agreement** to use 0.90 miles of Benner Road for his logging activities. Mr Miller prepared the agreement and sent it Mr Cleaver for signature along with notice that surety in the amount of \$11,250 must be posted before using the road. Roadmaster Saiers inspected the road. The signed agreement and requested surety have not yet been received by the Township. James Heckman motioned to sign the Larry Cleaver Road Maintenance Agreement when the properly executed agreement and the required surety are received; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued four Zoning Permits in March including two for new residences.

Vaughn presented the **Junction House Apartments LDP**, which was received from the County. He stated the plan meets zoning requirements; however, he has some additional concerns on lighting and landscaping at the site; he also suggested some type of privacy screening should be added. The Planning Commission has not yet reviewed the plan. Action was tabled pending Planning Commission review and comment.

**Engineers Report:** Engineer Don Franson reported on the **Restroom Project**. Don requested signatures on several necessary forms and also reported he received a letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service stating the bat issue has been resolved. James Heckman motioned to sign the GP-5 Form (Utility Stream Crossing) and the Cumulative Impact Screening Form (verifying there are no wetlands); motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don then provided the following bid results from the Bid-Opening held March 31, 2015 at 3:00pm for construction of the new restrooms facilities in Walker Township Park:

Contract 15-01 General Construction

	Firm	Bid Price
1.	SSR Contracting	\$145,990.00
2.	John Spearly Construction	\$162,000.00
3.	John Claar Excavating	\$166,495.00
4.	Caliber Contracting	\$189,200.00
5.	BCS Construction	\$205,668.00

Contract 15-02 Electrical

1.	PBCI Allen	\$6,676.00
2.	Strouse Electric	\$9,427.00
3.	Bob Biter Electrical	\$15,500.00

Contract 15-03 Plumbing

1.	PBCI Allen	\$32,737.00
2.	K and K Plumbing	\$33,449.00

The total of the low bids for all three contracts is \$185,403.00.

Don reviewed the bids and recommends awarding to the three low bidders. Ronald Burd motioned to award the bid to the three low bidders pending receipt of the GP-5 and Labor & Industry Building Permits; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Roadmaster's Report:** Roadmaster Brian Saiers reported he met with Matt Kenep from PennDOT to discuss the proposed **2015 Road Project**. The project consists of upgrade to Dunkle and Walizer Roads, repair a portion of Snyderstown Road near the Bill Beck property and repair Crust Road from Rt 64 to Snyderstown Road. Matt provided Brian with a project estimate sheet, evaluating several options for each road along with the associated costs and his recommendations. Engineer Don Franson reviewed the provided information. A decision was made to remove the Snyderstown Road and Crust Road work from the project and bid them separately. Brian Saiers motioned to move forward with the 2015 Road Project as recommended by Matt Kenep; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

The President of the **Springfield Homeowners Association** approached Brian and inquired if the Homeowners Association could contribute funds towards road repairs at the West entrance to Springfield. Solicitor Miller was of the opinion that the Association could not pay for road repairs but could donate money to the Township. He further stated it would depend on the cost of the project and the bidding process. The Township can accept donations for general purpose use.

The road crew finished sweeping the Township roads and a portable toilet has been ordered for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**New Business:**

- James Heckman motioned to approve and sign DEP Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration for the **S&A Homes 3-Lot Subdivision (Kerstetter property)**; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to agree to the appointment of Paul DeCusati to replace Ken Roan as the Nittany Valley Planning Region's representative to the **CCMPO Coordinating Committee**; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Notice was received from the Conservation District regarding the **2015 Dirt & Gravel Program Application Deadline** of May 12, 2015;
- Notice was received from Ferguson Township that the **Line Painting Contract** was awarded to Alpha Space Control. Brian Saiers motioned to approve the 2015 Line Painting Contract with Alpha Space Control; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the March 2015 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$52,982.52 and the March 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 7:55pm.