

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
April 6, 2016**

Attendance:

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

Solicitor- **John Miller III**

Staff- **Donna Reese Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer
Leah Burd Don Franson – Township Engineer
Terry Harter**

Guests: **Ken McMullen (Township Resident)
Roni Hanley (Township Resident)**

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the April 6, 2016 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: James Heckman motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting as presented; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: **Ken McMullen** inquired if there was anything to report on the ongoing **stormwater drainage problem** at his property on Hemlock Drive. Don Franson replied he visited the site and outlined two possible solutions. He will revisit the site during a rain event to further evaluate the problem. James Heckman motioned to authorize Don to investigate measures to correct the problem; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roni Hanley addressed the Supervisors regarding **zoning regulations in Woodland Park**. Mrs Hanley reported an adjacent property owner was raising chickens in a residential zone which is not permitted and that the chickens have become a nuisance. She further stated that garbage was being burned on a regular basis presenting a potential health hazard. Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman stated he visited the site three times to investigate the complaints and issued several violation letters. He also stated that the Township does not have a burn ordinance. Vaughn further stated he contacted the Centre County Solid Waste Authority regarding burning garbage and they replied it is a DEP issue. Mrs Hanly also reported a number of off road vehicles are running through the park and inquired if the Township regulated their use. She also recommended the Township adopt a burn ordinance.

Guests: There were no additional comments from guests present

Solicitor's Report: According to a Conservation District bulletin **logging activity** is being conducted at the **David Stoltzfus property on Brooks Lane**. Donna stated their Road Maintenance Agreement for use of .50 miles of Sand Ridge Road and 1.53 miles of Snyderstown Road expired on November 5, 2015. Solicitor Miller will contact Mr Stoltzfus and advise him he needs to renew his Road Maintenance Agreement and post bond before using the road.

Solicitor Miller prepared a **Road Maintenance Agreement with Superior Lumber** of Tyrone to use .50 miles of Crust Road for logging operations. Mr Miller received the signed agreement and bond was posted in the amount of \$6,250. James Heckman motioned to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement with Superior Lumber for use of Crust Road; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman requested **clarification of the regulations pertaining to Road Maintenance Agreements and road bonding**. He asked what the difference is between commercial logging trucks usage of a Township Road and trucks removing lumber when clearing a lot for home construction or hauling stone and construction materials. Solicitor Miller stated that the Pennsylvania Code states that 'Local Deliveries' do not require bonding and that Township's cannot adopt ordinances that are more restrictive than state ordinances. Solicitor Miller will research the issue for further discussion at the May Meeting.

Engineers Report: Engineer Don Franson reported he met with Deb Zimmerman of the Park & Rec Board regarding the following items:

- Determined placement for a **new pavilion** to be constructed near the soccer fields;
- Inspected the **existing pavilion** and did not find any structural problems;
- Recommended rolling the **walking trail** immediately after a heavy rainfall.

Don stated the water and electric are connected in the **new restroom** and a final walkthrough will be conducted. Landscaping will be completed when weather permits and the new facility should be opened for Little League Opening Day on April 23rd.

James Heckman motioned to accept a proposal from **SSR Contracting** for construction of a **new pavilion** at a revised cost of \$9,259.99; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman met with **Matt Kenepf** regarding the condition of three **inlet boxes** on Blue Spruce Drive in Zion Ridgecrest. The recommendation was made to repair the pipes in one, replace the grate on two and touch up the pavement around all three. Don will draw up plans for the recommended repairs.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued eleven Zoning permits in March.

Vaughn also issued six zoning code violations in **Woodland Park** and prepared two citations to go to the District Magistrate.

Vaughn reported the Planning Commission completed their review of the **Future Land Use Maps** as requested by the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission and recommended changing Woodland Park from Commercial to Residential designation. James Heckman motioned to accept the Planning Commissions recommendation for the change to the Future Land Use Map; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster James Heckman gave the following report:

- He met with Matt Kenepp regarding the **2016 Road Project** to apply Bituminous Fiber Reinforced Sealcoat to Zion ViewVista, Cedar Lane, a portion of Snyderstown Road at the Bill Beck Property and Crust Road between Snyderstown Road and SR64. James Heckman motioned to advertise the 2016 Road Project with bid opening to occur at our May Meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Jim is working on the **Dirt and Gravel Program Application** which is due May 9th;
- The **new roller** was delivered;
- The **FL80** is in the garage for a clutch replacement;
- Proposed selling the **excess bricks** purchased for the Wall of Appreciation at the Amish Auction pending Park & Rec Board approval;
- Proposed selling the used motor at the Amish Auction;
- Mowing has begun in the park;
- Don Franson will investigate a drainage issue on **Rodgers Road**;
- The **GMC** is in the garage for electrical repairs

New Business:

- James Heckman motioned to adopt **Resolution 16-419** approving the DEP Sewage Facilities Module for the SBWJA Pump Station Addition pending Planning Commission approval; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Acknowledged receipt of correspondence from **SBWJA to Bellefonte Borough Council and Planning Commission Members** regarding the Treatment Plant Upgrade and SBWJA Public Comments on the Bellefonte Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- James Heckman motioned to send a letter to **Benner Township** in support of their grant application for two more trail miles; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;

- Notice was received from the Centre County Planning Office regarding **West Nile Surveillance and Control Season**;
- An invitation was received from the Conservation District regarding their **Showcase Tour of Conservation Projects** scheduled for May 13th;
- Centre County Recycling notice of a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** Event scheduled for April 29-30;
- James Heckman motioned to authorize Terry Harter to attend the '**Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries**' seminar in State College on May 10th at a cost of \$80.00; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Keith Harter motioned to authorize the Township Secretary to have **Township materials shredded** on a periodic basis; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to **reimburse Township Employees** using their own cell phones for Township business at a rate of \$36.70 per month (the current rate charged per person for Township issued phones); motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to approve the March 2016 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$94,892.30 and the March 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman inquired if the health insurance payments for his wife could be taken as a payroll deduction rather than a lump sum annual payment. The Secretary will look into setting this up.

James Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.