

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2015**

Attendance:

**Supervisors – Ronald Burd
James Heckman
Brian Saiers**

Solicitor – John Miller, III

**Staff - Donna Reese Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer
Donald Franson, Engineer**

Guests – None Signed In

Call to Order: Chairman James Heckman called the May 6, 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 April Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Ronald Burd; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

There were no **Agenda Items** for discussion and no guests wished to comment.

Solicitor's Report:

- Mr. Miller reviewed the Tax Assessment Appeal filed by **Nittany Country Club**. He reported the Country Club was successful in their appeal to have their real estate fair market value reduced for tax assessment purposes. Solicitor Miller requested authorization to sign the Stipulation and Joint Motion for Agreed Order that reduces the lawful assessment of the parcel to \$180,625. The Centre County Board of Assessment and the School District have already agreed to the reduced assessment. James Heckman motioned to authorize Solicitor Miller to sign the Stipulation and Joint Motion on behalf of the Township; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Solicitor Miller also reported he received a copy of the Letter of Credit for the **Larry Cleaver Road Use Agreement** that was discussed last month and conditionally approved pending receipt of the Letter of Credit and the signed Agreement. However, it was noted the original Letter of Credit and Agreement have not yet been received from Mr. Cleaver, so he should not be using Benner Road for his logging operations until those original documents are received.

Engineer's Report:

- Don Franson reported he still hasn't heard from PA Labor & Industry about the plans for the new **Park Restroom** that were submitted a month ago. He stated they could possibly want to see a handicap parking space and that shouldn't be a problem. He said if we don't hear from L&I soon we may have to request a 90-day extension from the contractors. Don also reported he spoke with the

Conservation District and the GP-5 application looks good but needs to go through the proper procedures before approval. Don also reported he received notification from **Walker Township Water Association** that the \$5,000 impact fee will need to be paid and four sets of plans submitted prior to final approval.

- Don requested permission to begin the bid preparation for the **Cedar Lane, Phase 2 Stormwater Project**. Supervisor Heckman motioned to authorize Don to prepare the bid documents for the project and schedule bid opening for the June meeting. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Don reported he reviewed the **Junction House Apartments Plan** for stormwater issues and has no major comments on the project at this time.

Zoning Officer's Report:

- Vaughn Zimmerman stated he issued 18 permits in April with a total value of \$1.2 million.
- He also reported Planning Commission informally discussed the **Junction House Apartments Project**, but did not issue any official comments due to a lack of quorum.
- He also stated he met informally with a representative from **Graymont** about future sub-surface mining at the western end of the Township.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Brian Saiers reported he received a request from the farmer leasing 25-acres of our new parkland parcel. The parcel is 30 acres total, but several years ago **Bellefonte Youth Football** requested to use 5 acres to build a new youth football field. Since there hasn't been any progress on building the football field **Middle Farm Partnership** has requested permission to crop the entire 30 acres this year. Brian stated he spoke to a representative from the football league and was told it could be two more years until some field construction activity would occur. Ron Burd motioned to approve the request from Middle Farm Partnership to farm the entire 30 acres at no additional cost for this year. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. Solicitor Miller will prepare an **Addendum to the Lease Agreement with Middle Farm Partnership**.

- Brian reported they were **sweeping stones** from the roads and received several complaints from residents about the dust and stones. He spoke to officials from Spring Township about using their 'broom-vac truck' to use for this work and was pleased with the job the broom-vac did. Spring Township agreed to **'trade' the services of their broom-vac truck** with us for the snow plowing we do for them in the Springfield Subdivision. Brian Saiers motioned we approve this trade of services with Spring Township; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Brian also reported they will be grooming the area around the **Appreciation Wall** with some topsoil and grass seed until the Park & Rec Board decides on what they want done.

Other New Business:

- Information from the County regarding a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** will be sent on to Harold (Lou) Brungard, our Local Emergency Management Coordinator.

- The bids for the 2015 Road Project were opened as follows:

HRI, Inc.	\$ 221,219.50
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$ 209,642.60

After discussion and review by the Solicitor and Engineer, Brian Saiers motioned to **accept the low bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker for \$ 209,642.60**; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to approve the April General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$38,856.63 and the April Treasurer's Report; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Ronald Burd motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.