

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

Attendance:

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

Solicitor-

Staff- **Donna Reese Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer
Leah Burd**

Guests: **Greg Poorman (Planning Commission Member)
Dennis Walizer (Planning Commission Member)
Deb Zimmerman (Park & Rec Board)
Bob Rightnour (Township Resident)
Don Poorman (Rydon Corporation)**

Call to Order: James Heckman called the July 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 June Meeting Minutes: Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2015 meeting as presented with the addition of a motion made by James Heckman and seconded by Brian Saiers to advertise for the position of Township Secretary which was omitted from the June minutes; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: Deb Zimmerman reported the following from the Park & Rec Board:

- **Bill Workman** was contacted regarding **landscaping work in the park**. Bill agreed to continue with the landscaping around the Eagle Scout Projects and will upgrade the area around the ‘Wall of Appreciation’ as his first priority. Bill will also be asked to work on the landscaping around the Township Building. Approval was given for him to hire a helper if needed;
- The stone embedded in the ground at the **Jonas Panik Memorial** is broken. The Park & Rec Board is investigating replacing it with a carved upright stone;
- The **Little Free Library** structure is installed and stocked with books, thanks to the maintenance crew;
- The Board is checking into a different type of **memorial plaque**;

- Deb asked for an update on the **restroom construction project** and inquired about construction of a pavilion as part of that project. Don Franson recommended completing the restrooms and then constructing a pavilion as a separate project. The Park & Rec Board will revisit this project in the fall for construction in the spring;
- Brian Saiers reported the **wooden sign** at the entrance to the park is deteriorating. Deb will put this on the Park & Rec Agenda for July;
- The **Eagle Scout Project** to install signs along the walking trail is progressing.

Guests: There were no comments from the guests present.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller was absent.

Solicitor Miller provided comments regarding zoning ordinance issues for the proposed use of the **Rightnour Manufacturing Building** in Mingoville by **Rydon Corporation**. Rydon proposes to use the facility as a continuation and expansion of a business currently in operation which is allowed as a non-conforming use. Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reviewed the zoning ordinance regarding non-conforming uses and advised the applicants they will need to make application to the Zoning Hearing Board for approval to operate their proposed business on the property. Vaughn received additional information and will further investigate the issue before making a final decision. If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision he may appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Solicitor Miller prepared for signature a **Resolution Approving Certain Changes** to the **Bellefonte Wastewater Treatment Plant Pretreatment Rules and Regulations**. The Supervisors reviewed the Resolution and also correspondence from Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority and determined more information is needed. Action was tabled until the August meeting.

Solicitor Miller provided a signed **Road Maintenance Agreement with A M Logging, LLC** for use of .71 miles of Walizer Road for a logging operation. Surety in the amount of \$8,875.00 was provided. The Township had no previous knowledge of this activity and Brian Saiers expressed concern with the use of Walizer Road as it is scheduled to be resurfaced as part of the 2015 Road Project. James Heckman motioned to conditionally approve the A M Logging, LLC Road Maintenance Agreement pending information on a time line that will not interfere with the paving; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineers Report: Engineer Don Franson reported the following:

- He responded to a request from **Gene Brickley** to relocate his driveway from Ashmore Lane to Sand Ridge Road. Don advised Mr Brickely to contact the Centre County Conservation District for permitting. The Township will need to approve the sight distances on Sand Ridge Road.

- Brian Saiers reported part of a pine tree in **Zion Ridgecrest Park** fell partially onto an adjoining property. Brian would like Don to determine where the property lines are as there is some confusion. Brian then asked what should be done with the remaining diseased trees, as there are structures nearby. James Heckman motioned to authorize Brian to get three quotes from tree services to remove the trees; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Don reported he received a call from Labor & Industry with questions regarding electrical and plumbing issues for the **restroom project**. Once L&I approval is received the construction bids can be officially awarded.
- Don continues to monitor construction at the **Dollar General Store**.

At 7:30pm the following bids were opened for the **Cedar Lane, Phase 2 Stormwater Project**:

John Claar Excavating	\$52,940.00
Maxwell Trucking & Excavating	\$50,844.00

Don will review the bids. James Heckman motioned to conditionally award the project to Maxwell Excavating pending approval of the bid by Don Franson; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 12 zoning permits in May - including four for new homes.

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

- Line painting is being done toady;
- Road sweeping and maintenance continues

New Business:

- An E-mail from a Township resident regarding a **special baby swing** was referred to the Park & Rec Board. Brian Saiers stated there is a new baby swing available for use;
- An Email was received from **Mike Bloom** (CCMPO) requesting comments following a meeting held to discuss safety concerns at the Zion 'Y' intersection;
- **Planning Commission** is seeking someone to fill a **vacancy**;
- **PA American Water** declined our request for a waiver of their hydrant fees;
- Information was received from **Goodwill** about placing a donation container on Township property, no action was taken;
- The **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** will meet here on Thursday, July 16th. James Heckman motioned to provide complimentary refreshments for the meeting; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Brian Saiers motioned to approve the June 2015 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$48,559.98 and the June 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Ronald Burd 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 7:40pm.