

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
January 9, 2007 – 7:00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio, Marty Shane and Joe McDonough. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee and Susan Carty (Planning Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), and Jack Yahraes (Municipal Authority). Evan Andrews from Pennoni was also present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Supervisors met in Executive Session from 7:05pm to 7:40pm to discuss a personnel matter.

**WORKSHOP**

**Sewer System**

The Supervisors discussed Rick Smith's January 9 memo regarding a possible sale of the sewer system. Rick gave an overview of the items that must still be addressed. The first 4 items will be addressed by the MA, and remaining items will need to be addressed only if the decision is made to sell.

- 1) Capacity – how much do we need
- 2) Peak Factor = Need
- 3) Meet Need at ??
- 4) Treatment Method, if applicable + cost (by April)
- 5) Act 537 Plan
- 6) Bid Specs
- 7) Award Bid

Joe said he has not seen compelling evidence to sell the system, and therefore he does not see the need to go through all the above steps. Carmen agreed. Marty said the steps are necessary because a study is needed to determine the future needs of the Township and how much it will cost to meet them. He said the additional research is required in order to help the Supervisors make an intelligent decision about the sewer system. Joe and Carmen agreed they still do not want to go through the extra steps.

Don said he has no problem doing the extra steps because even if the Township decides not to sell, the steps will provide necessary information on what will need to be done to upgrade the system. Don asked Evan if it will be possible to gather the necessary information by April. Evan said yes, that Rick's schedule is achievable.

Don said it may be wise to upgrade the system in stages.

Marty asked Evan to define what his charge is. Evan said the MA has charged him with identifying the real needs of the sewer system (not just a wish list), and recommending the most cost-effective solution to meet those needs.

Marty said he would like to have the meeting with Brookmont and Charter Chase as soon as possible regarding the sewer. Don suggested a meeting be scheduled for February.

### **Resolution 07-33**

Marty moved to appoint Ed Travis as the Citizen-At-Large member to the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Deer Task Force**

Jim McRee asked the Supervisors whether they wanted his next step to be to develop a mission statement/charter for the group, and to advise what kind of meeting schedule they would like him to follow.

Marty said the Task Force should seek to identify the magnitude of the deer problem in East Goshen and to develop a course of action to bring the herd population down over the next ten years to a level that can be sustained by the vegetation in East Goshen's open space. The Task Force should have their report to the Supervisors by June.

Joe advised Jim to obtain all the background data on the deer problem from Mark Gordon.

Carmen requested that that Task Force include alternative methods of deer control in their report.

The group then discussed the makeup of the Board, and agreed it should be an odd number of either 7 or 9 individuals. ABC members will include Vicki Wooters of Park & Rec, and someone from the Conservancy Board. Don McConathy will serve as liaison from the BOS. Resident members should include someone from Bowtree, someone from Hershey's Mill, someone from Lockwood, and someone from Grand Oaks. Resident Bill Evans also agreed to serve, or to recommend someone from his neighborhood. Mark Wahn and Steve DiAntonio were also suggested as possibilities. Rick Smith will draft letters for Don to send to possible Task Force members.

Don stated that the Deer Task Force will only address deer, and not try to tackle the geese problem as well.

Jim was advised he should aim to hold the first meeting of the Task Force by the end of January.

*Public Comment: Linda Gordon, 240 Line Road - Said she is concerned the aerial deer count will not capture all the deer that inhabit East Goshen, if they happen to be across a Township border during the count. She wants the Township to do its research on how best to obtain an accurate deer count before spending the money.*

### Geese Problem

The Board agreed to have Township staff and the Conservancy Board prepare recommendations on handling the geese problem, to be submitted to the Board in 30 days.

### Website Update

Rick distributed copies of proposed changes to the website for the Board to review. Joe asked Rick to include a link to the Landscapes Survey for the CCPC.

### 1419 Center Street

Rick said the clock for the property owner to respond will run out on 1/10. Rick will provide an update to the Board at the January 16 meeting.

### Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for January 9, 2006:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,913.62	
Earned Income Tax	\$ -	
EMS TAX	\$ -	Accounts Payable \$ 18,071.23
Transfer Tax	\$ -	Debt Service \$ 30,279.27
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 5,862.17	Payroll \$ 0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 7,775.79</b>	<b>Total Expenditures \$ 48,350.50</b>
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 404.47	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 691.54	\$ 5,643.40
Transportation Fund	\$ 990.87	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 767.90	\$ 4,622.98
Refuse	\$ 780.47	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	\$ 4.88	\$ 0.00

Marty made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the receipts and to approve the expenditures pending the Board's review. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### Ice Skating on Twp Ponds

Marty thinks *NO SKATING* signs are necessary to limit liability to the Township. Thom is opposed to the signs as they would force residents to break the law if they want to ice skate, and he said the Township's insurance should cover any liability. He said the Township should be providing recreational activities for its residents, and not discouraging them. Joe said if the Township prohibits ice skating, then sledding must also be prohibited. Carmen wants Rick to find out if the insurance policy covers the Township for ice skating, and if not, how much a rider would cost.

### **Liaison Reports**

Thom distributed a summary of what transpired at the January 4 Park & Rec meeting. He noted that Park & Rec had voted 3:2 to permit ice skating in the Township.

Marty gave a report from the January 3 Planning Commission meeting. The PC turned down the Comcast applications for the variance and for the curative amendment. Penn Liberty received approval for their conditional use application, with conditions. The PC will have a workshop on January 17.

### **Update on Comcast Fence Issue**

Don informed resident Bill Evans that the BOS minutes from 2004 do not document a promise from Comcast to hold a meeting with residents. Don will talk to the Conservancy Board about having a meeting with Comcast.

### **G & D Developers – Bankruptcy**

Rick has forwarded this information to Jeff Sommer.

### **Lease Agreement for Annex**

The Supervisors will discuss this at the January 23 meeting, after Jeff Sommer has reviewed the document.

### **Public Hour**

Resident Gordon Whiting of Bellingham asked for the Board's assistance in providing more safety for the seniors at Bellingham and Wellington. He would like the Board to pass an ordinance to force Bellingham and Wellington to install peepholes in the residents' doors. He would also like video surveillance cameras installed in the hallways. Mr. Whiting said Senator Dinniman told him the Supervisors would have to act to make the police have a meeting with the residents. The Supervisors assured Mr. Whiting they would like into these issues and see what can be done.

### **Resignation of Art Polishuk from Planning Commission**

The Supervisors agreed to have a resolution drafted to recognize Art's many years of service to the Township.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary