

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING WITH BROOKMONT
1580 PAOLI PIKE
January 29, 2007 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough and Marty Shane. Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper was absent for the majority of the meeting. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Evan Andrews of Pennoni; Jack Yahraes, Fran Beck, and Kevin Cummings (Municipal Authority); Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), and Linda Gordon (Historical Commission).

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Marty welcomed the residents. Don called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He then introduced the members of the Board, Rick Smith, Evan Andrews, and the Municipal Authority.

Eighteen households from Brookmont were represented, based on a sign-in list.

Don gave an overview of the project and the process involved in sewerage Brookmont.

A resident expressed concern about a pond located near 5 Brookmont Drive. Evan said the pond would receive protection during the construction phase.

A resident had a question about who is responsible for paving the roads after the work is completed. Rick explained that the contractor will have to pave the trench. This patch will need to sit as-is so things can settle before the Township repaves the entire road surface the following year.

A resident asked if the Township had considered alternates to gravity systems. Evan said they had. Two residents requested the Township provide residents with copies of the data reviewed for the alternatives to gravity systems.

A resident at 950 King Road said he is concerned about infiltration in his backyard, which is extremely wet from the Malvern Institute runoff.

Evan reviewed the financial aspects of the project for the residents.

Kevin Cummings stated there are economies of scale for the lateral connection costs.

A resident asked if the possibility of hitting rock had been considered. Rick said the Township will do test borings in the street to look for rock. Carmen suggested the homeowners do their homework in regard to their contractors because the issue of “rock” can be abused.

A resident asked if the Township had considered all the tree removals that might be necessary. Marty said the Township is aware that might be a problem.

A resident requested that the ballots include all the information and numbers being discussed tonight.

A resident asked how many systems in the neighborhood are in danger of failing in the near future. Don and Rick said they did not have that information. This same resident then asked for information on how many systems in the neighborhood have not failed and are trouble free. Don told him Rick could provide this information.

The Board discussed the need for residents to get their system certified before voting if it would help them make their decision.

A resident raised the question of whether the Malvern Institute lot counted as a vote. Rick said it can count if a house can be built on the lot.

Marty stated that the Board has no predetermined cutoff number it will use to make its decision; instead, it will use all the feedback from the neighbors and the available data to make a decision for the good of the Township at large.

A resident asked that the information sent to residents be written without bias. Marty and Carmen assured the residents the Board will do what it takes to ensure this. Don said the information and the ballots would be mailed shortly.

Don thanked the residents for coming out and providing feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary