

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
April 3, 2007 – 7:00pm**

Present: Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough and Marty Shane. Chairman Don McConathy was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Jim McRee (Planning Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), and Elaine Blair (Hershey's Mill Rep).

WORKSHOP

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Minutes

The minutes of February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 20 were reviewed and corrected.

1384 Boot Road - Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Rick said it has been determined that the oak tree the Conservancy Board wanted to save is dead. They will try to save the chestnut tree, however.

C.E. Hough Associates Proposal for District Court

Joe asked if Craig Hough is the right person to do a green building, and would like to know the Township's other options. The Supervisors agreed to table this item for now. Rick Smith will check with Hough Associates to see if Craig has experience with green buildings, what options there might be for making this a green building, and how the quote will be affected.

TMACC Draft Action Plan - Transit Signal Priority on Route 3

The consensus of the Supervisors was that this proposal will throw off traffic schedules and adversely impact traffic, especially at rush hours. Carmen expressed concern about the safety factor and would like this issue referred to the Police Department for their opinion.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Thom Clapper called the meeting to order at 8:02pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

Thom asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes

Marty moved to approve the minutes of February 27, March 6, March 13, and March 20 as corrected during Workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Thom announced that Congressman Joe Sestak would be stopping by later to meet with the Supervisors. Thom thanked the Park & Rec employees for an excellent job organizing the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. The event drew between 500 and 600 people. Thom announced that the Township has received a State Vehicle Inspection license, which will allow Township employees to inspect Township-owned vehicles at a savings of \$14,500 per year. Carmen said he would like the Township to look into the possibility of inspecting WEGO police vehicles. Marty was concerned that might present a liability issue. Rick will investigate.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for April 3, 2007:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 689,493.31	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 131,839.43	
EMS TAX	\$ 2,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 352,460.60
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 33,395.67
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 70,377.51	Payroll \$ 90,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 893,710.25	Total Expenditures \$ 475,856.27
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 8,760.89	\$ 4,352.16
Refuse	\$ 3,772.66	\$ 19,732.42
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 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 or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

1384 Boot Road - Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Russell Stump, the applicant, was present. Joe moved to approve the preliminary and final plans for the Final Minor Subdivision and Land Development Plan for 1384 East Boot Road dated 9/26/06, last revised 3/28/07, and grant the waivers listed on the plans with the conditions that the applicant shall provide the Township with a recorded copy of the sewer easement for the off-site sanitary sewer, which shall be in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor, all rechargeable fees shall be paid in full, and the escrow shall be posted prior to the plans being released for recording. There was no discussion and no public comment. Mr. Stump agreed to the conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

C.E. Hough Associates Proposal for District Court

Thom announced that this matter has been tabled.

Penn Liberty Bank

No one was present for the applicant. Carmen moved to authorize the Board to execute the final plans and the escrow documents for Penn Liberty Bank providing all Township recharge fees are paid in full. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

None.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Thom noted the list of upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Public Comment: Harold Rennard – Said the stormwater issue on his properties at 408 and 410 N. Chester Road has been dragging on for 18 months, and that he is still waiting for a copy of the Yerkes plan. Thom told Mr. Renner that someone from the Township would check into the matter and get back to him by Friday, April 6. Mr. Rennard said he would like to meet with the Supervisors on the properties in question to show them the recommendations of the professional engineers are wrong. Thom said the Supervisors would discuss it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

PECO Pole at Williams Way

The Supervisors reviewed the March 16, 2007 letter from PECO regarding the pole at Williams Way. They agreed to get a legal opinion on the issue from the Township solicitor.

CCPC Request for Input on Transportation Improvement Inventory

Joe suggested the following projects be added to the Inventory list:

- Widen Boot Road up to Greenhill.
- Add dedicated exits off Route 202 for UPS and QVC, in conjunction with the Route 322 project.

Subdivision/Land Development/ZHB Applications

Rick advised that the Mershon application was denied by the ZHB. The ZHB will hear Comcast regarding their requested fence variance on May 2. The Comcast curative amendment hearing has been advertised for April 17. The hearing will be opened on that date but extended to a future date. Keystone Foods has applied for a Conditional Use for a test kitchen in the business park behind Cephalon.

Congressman Joe Sestak

U.S. Representative Joe Sestak arrived at the Township building at 8:50pm. Thom thanked him for coming and said the Supervisors were interested in hearing how he could help the Township meet its goals. Mr. Sestak said he was interested in the concerns of Chester County, not just Delaware County. He said he got into politics due to his passion for the issues, and not as part of

a career path. He described the “4 pillars” of national security he ran on (economic, health, education and defense). He said he is also concerned about the environment, watershed management, clean energy, and open space issues. Thom asked if Mr. Sestak would be able to assist East Goshen in getting federal dollars to assist in creating a green District Court building. Mr. Sestak said he would have his staff attorney Courtney Mengel send the appropriate forms to the Township via email. He advised that funding for such projects has been reduced, however.

Marty asked about communication between Mr. Sestak’s office and the municipalities in his district. Mr. Sestak said he has 68 municipalities in his district, and he is making a point of visiting them all during his limited time away from Washington. He said that Courtney Mengel, who is based in his Media, PA office, will serve as the point of contact for issues. Mr. Sestak said his office is working on setting up an email distribution list to communicate quickly with his constituents.

Marty told Mr. Sestak the COG would be interested in any help he could give in regard to funding improvements to the Route 202/926 intersection. Joe told Mr. Sestak he would like him to look into the Bucks County veterans’ cemetery issue.

Mr. Sestak had to leave at 9:35pm to attend another meeting. The Supervisors thanked him for taking the time to visit East Goshen.

Note: Reporter Brian Fanelli of the *Daily Local* was present during the meeting. His article ran in the April 5 edition of the paper.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary