

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
May 22, 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, Jack Yahraes (Municipal Authority), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Planning Commission), and Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec).

WORKSHOP

Review of Minutes

The minutes of May 1 and May 8 were reviewed and corrected.

Bid Results for Cleaning & Televising of Sanitary Sewer Lines

The bid results for cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer lines were discussed. Rick told the Board that the Township has used the low bidder, Pipe Data View Services, in the past, and Mark Miller is very comfortable using them.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Deer Management Committee

Don announced that Jim McRee plans to resign from Chairmanship of the DMC after their report is submitted on June 19. Don asked Jim to make some recommendations for a possible replacement. Marty would like the Board to hear the DMC's recommendations on June 19 before appointing a new chairperson. Marty and Thom are concerned that the DMC will not make recommendations in line with the original charge they were given, "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." Carmen and Don want to hear the DMC's recommendations on June 19 before making conclusions about what the DMC has or has not been able to accomplish, and whether or not they have succeeded in meeting their charge.

YMCA Offer to Construct Pavilion in Township Park

This matter was tabled. The Board would like to see the actual plans for the pavilion before discussing this matter.

Sewer Agreement with West Chester Borough

Rick will provide the Board with an update on this matter before the June 11 Municipal Authority meeting.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:04pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

Don asked if any residents would be recording the meeting. Mr. Abbas Rahbari said he was recording the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Carmen moved to approve the minutes of May 1 and May 8 as corrected in the Workshop. Joe seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road - Said he strongly recommended the Board tape record the meetings to provide an accurate record of the proceedings.

There was no further public comment and no discussion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously. Thom abstained from voting on the May 1 and May 8 minutes (he was not present at those meetings), and Joe abstained from voting on the May 8 minutes (he was not present at that meeting).

Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day

Jack Yahraes, who coordinated Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day this year, thanked everyone who participated. He reported that 80 residents participated, gathering 80 bags of trash and quite a few car parts left on the roads from traffic accidents. Jack thanked Mark Miller and the Public Works crew who assisted by picking up the refuse. Jack recognized the Historical Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Park & Rec Board, all of whom had perfect attendance. Jack then presented the Cleanup Trophy to the Hiro family. Don thanked Jack Yahraes for doing an outstanding job heading up the program this year.

Bid Results for Cleaning & Televising of Sanitary Sewer Lines

Carmen moved to award the bid for cleaning & televising the Township's sanitary sewer lines to Pipe Data View Services in the amount of \$15,675. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting with Brookmont Residents

Don announced that a meeting with the police has been scheduled for Brookmont residents for May 23 at 6:30pm. The police will discuss the recent robberies in Brookmont. Any interested resident is welcome to attend. Four of Supervisors plan to attend the meeting.

Resignation of Nathan Gasser from Conservancy Board

Don announced that Nathan Gasser will be moving out of East Goshen and has tendered his resignation from the Conservancy Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Keystone Foods, 905 Airport Road - Conditional Use Application

Don opened the Keystone Foods hearing and announced it will be continued until June 19, 2007. A court reporter was present and will provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

FORMAL MEETING (Resumed)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for May 22, 2007:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 67,261.68	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 447,797.08	
EMS TAX	\$ 177,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 137,278.73
Transfer Tax	\$ 37,949.31	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 19,767.78	Payroll \$ 120,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 749,775.85	Total Expenditures \$ 257,278.73
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,934.05
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 43,234.07	\$ 39,745.61
Refuse	\$ 36,370.47	\$ 82,520.81
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Marty moved 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.

Don asked that everyone keep the Township's financial director, Kathy Glass, in their prayers as she is currently in the hospital.

Police Report

Chief John Dumond announced that the police responded to 788 incidents in East Goshen in April 2007. The three robbery suspects in the Commerce Bank incident are currently in the Chester County Jail. The Chief reported that thefts of valuables from unlocked vehicles continue to be a problem in the region. There have been several residential robberies in the Brookmont, Treemont, and Rossmore neighborhoods. The robberies have occurred in the middle of the night. The perpetrators are entering the homes through windows and stealing purses. The police are working with nearby municipalities who have experienced similar incidents.

Public Comment: Linda Gordon, Line Road - Asked if the robbers have been breaking windows. The Chief said no, they are removing the screens and entering through unlocked windows.

Public Comment: Chuck Jackson, Reservoir Road - Asked the Chief to clarify if the homes were occupied at the time of the robberies. Chief Dumond said the homes were all occupied, and the residents were sleeping at the time.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road - Had a question about who might be perpetrating the robberies. The Chief said the culprits are most likely heavy drug users who are desperate for cash to support their drug habit.

Public Comment: Ginny Newlin, Devon Lane - Asked if the perpetrators were kids or adults. The Chief said they are probably young adult males.

Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane - Asked if any of the traffic incidents for April were deer related. The Chief said two of the reported traffic incidents involved deer.

D. Falcone Co., 1334 Park Avenue, Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plans

Carmen moved to approve the preliminary and final plans for D. Falcone Company subdivision at 1334 Park Avenue, dated 11/30/06, last revised 4/25/07, with the conditions that the note on the plan pertaining to the “percolation test” be deleted, and that the plans shall not be signed until the escrow is posted and all recharges have been paid. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by TMACC on the West Chester Pike Transit Advantage

A synopsis of the presentation, prepared by Brendan Cotter of TMACC, is attached.

After the presentation the Board agreed to provide a letter to TMACC indicating East Goshen’s interest in the issue, but pledging no monetary support at this time.

Adoption of Resolution No. 07-37

Thom moved that the Board adopt a resolution similar to the one adopted by WACOG, recommending PennDOT make improvements to the intersection of Route 926 and Route 202 a priority. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Vintage Development, 1638 Manley Road

Don made a motion to approve the final plans for Vintage Development at 1638 Manley Road with the condition that all recharges are paid. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Don acknowledged receipt of the Fire Marshal’s report and the Goshen Fire Company report, both for April 2007.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Don noted the list of upcoming meetings as published in the agenda.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Public Comment: Linda Polishuk, Grand Oak Lane – Reported a problem with yard waste not being picked up with other garbage. Rick will look into this. Jack Yahraes said he is having a similar problem.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road – Asked if it's normal for a pump to be continuously operating at the Oxford Gateway retention pond. Rick said the Township has asked Oxford to run the pump during good weather to be ready for a storm, as suggested by the Township Engineer. Once the site is fully stabilized Oxford should not have to operate the pump so much. Mr. Rahbari then asked if the Conservation District is the entity that will make the final inspection of the site. Rick said yes.

Public Comment: Art Polishuk, Grand Oak Lane – Asked why residents of Mill Creek were invited to a special meeting with Craig Hough and CTDI, but not residents of Grand Oak. Rick said it was simply a matter of proximity - the aerial map showed the closest Mill Creek resident to be less than 500 ft. from CTDI, and the nearest Grand Oak resident to be ½ mile away. Marty agreed that's what the aerial showed. Rick said that if CTDI files a formal application, a notification letter will be sent to all residents within 1,000 ft. Art objected and said Grand Oak is not ½ mile from CTDI, and Thom agreed with him. Marty offered to set up a meeting between Craig Hough and Grand Oak residents if Art thinks it necessary.

Art then registered his objection to the Supervisors attending the PSATS convention in Hershey when they did not attend any of the PSATS workshops. Carmen said the Supervisors had every intention of attending the workshops, but the East Goshen matters ended up claiming all their time. Art said it was irresponsible of the Supervisors to spend taxpayer money for the conference, lodging, mileage reimbursements etc. when they could just as easily have met in East Goshen. Art also objected to the Supervisors conducting a so-called public meeting in Hershey, when it was unreasonable to expect East Goshen residents to drive to Hershey for a meeting.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road – Agreed with Mr. Polishuk's comments about the PSATS convention, and added that it was misleading for the Township to post on the Township Bulletin Board that there were "No Meetings" that week, when in fact a public meeting was being held in Hershey.

Public Comment: Linda Polishuk, Grand Oak Lane – Asked when it became Township practice for residents to meet with developers before an application is made (such as with Mill Creek and CTDI). Don said it's been the practice for the past 2-3 years to hold such meetings as a means to share information and discover potential problems in situations where there may be some controversy. Don added that Linda's husband Art had been involved in such meetings when he was a member of the Planning Commission. Carmen assured Mrs. Polishuk that at these meetings, no decisions are rendered by the Township, and no "deals" are cut.

Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive – Said that Mill Creek residents had no opportunity to meet with Comcast and comment on their building project before their application was submitted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Comcast Fence Issue

Comcast attorney Alyson Mamourian, Esq. was present. She stated that some of the residents recently met with Comcast representatives at the Township building to discuss fencing options. Resident Bill Egan said the residents also met separately with attorney Mark Thompson, but the three neighbors were unable to come to a consensus among themselves.

Comcast Plantings

Don said the Board will make a motion about the Comcast landscaping during the June 5 meeting.

Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive – Stated that Comcast has still not seeded the walkway atop the berm, and said the number of shrubs must be increased as well as the number of trees. Rick will refer this matter to Jeff Sommer for his opinion.

Proposed Super Wawa in Westtown Twp.

Rick will prepare a letter to Westtown incorporating comments from the East Goshen ABCs, and will try to get it to Westtown before their next board meeting.

July 4 Invitation Letter to Dignitaries

The Board reviewed and edited the draft letter.

Pennoni Proposal for Evaluation of Township Wastewater Infrastructure Capital Reserve

The Board briefly discussed Pennoni's proposal dated May 10, 2007. Rick will get two more bids for the project. Carmen wants to know how much the capital reserve is underfunded.

Sonic Algae Control

Jack Yahraes showed the Board a new sonic algae control device for use in the Township. The Board will wait for a recommendation from Mark Miller before taking action.

Change in Meeting Start Time

Carmen requested the Board consider changing the meeting start time to 6:30pm for Workshops, and the formal meetings to 7:30pm. The Board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary