

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
June 12, 2007 – 6:30pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Joe McDonough, Carmen Battavio and Marty Shane. Township Manager Rick Smith was away on vacation. Also present were Public Works Director Mark Miller, Zoning Officer Mark Gordon, and Al Giannantonio of Yerkes. Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec) and Linda Gordon (Historical Commission) were present for the meeting at the Township building.

Site Visit to Harold Rennard's Property at 410 N. Chester Road

The Supervisors and Township staff members met with Mr. Rennard at his property to discuss stormwater management at the site. Al Giannantonio of Yerkes was present, along with several of Mr. Rennard's neighbors.

Carmen asked Mr. Giannantonio why #4 rocks were required at the site, instead of #3A rocks, which Mr. Rennard says he would prefer. Mr. Giannantonio said #4 rocks are the industry standard, and they are more uniform in size than #3A rocks, which are actually a range of sizes.

Mr. Rennard showed the original site plan from 1996 which has the water flow going to the back of the property (the NW corner) instead of the NE corner and out to Route 352. He does not agree with professional engineers who have determined the stormwater should be directed to the NE corner. Mr. Rennard said having the water go to the NW corner makes more sense because there is a 12" pipe there, whereas the pipe in the NE corner is only 10". Mr. Giannantonio said the water shouldn't be directed to the NW corner because it's "dead flat" there.

Mr. Rennard said he would be willing to build a berm along the north side of the property to help control the stormwater. Mr. Giannantonio told Mr. Rennard that everything on his current plan is approved and meets Township ordinance, but if Mr. Rennard can get his engineer to put his ideas on paper, and provide the backup calculations to show Yerkes and the Conservation District, he would review them with an open mind.

Neighbors Jon & Mary Beth Holland of 1540 Anne Drive complained that their yard regularly floods from water runoff. Mr. Clark said that the more home are built in the area, the worse the water situation gets. Louise Gerstemeier of 1538 Anne Drive and Janet Sasin of 1536 Anne Drive agreed.

The meeting was then moved back to the Township building.

The Board asked Mr. Rennard to provide a summary of the situation and the solution he proposes. Mr. Rennard said he would like to create a berm on the property, and to hold the water on the lot, having a controlled release flow. He wants the water to go to the NW corner of the lot and drain into the 12" pipe, not into the 10" pipe at the NE corner. Even though he could build using his current approved plan, he said he is thinking of the good of the Township.

After discussion, it was agreed on by all parties that the stormwater issue could be mitigated if the Township installs a 24” pipe under Route 352. It would help with drainage problems in the immediate vicinity. Enlarging the current 10” pipe that runs through the Holland’s yard would also help a great deal.

Ms. Sasin said the 10” pipe is clogged with sediment and asked if the Township could do anything. Mark Miller said he would have it flushed out.

Mr. Giannantonio said Mr. Rennard’s approved plan would work out fine if the Township addresses the larger pipe issues. Mr. Rennard would not need to modify his plans in any way, or spend money to have his ideas put onto paper by engineers.

Mr. Giannantonio told Mark Miller that the Township would not need to obtain a DEP permit for this project, but a feasibility study should be completed. Mr. Giannantonio said he would provide the Township with an estimate of a cost for Yerkes to do the study, probably by early next week.

YMCA Pavilion

Thom reported that the Park & Rec Board prefers the pavilion to be 32’ x 60’ instead of 32’ x 51’. The Board will send a letter to the YMCA, and have Craig Hough revise the plans. The Board discussed the location of the pavilion in relation to the existing restrooms, and decided to have the pavilion built as a completely separate structure, placed where the gazebo is currently located. Mark Miller said Public Works can move the gazebo. This will allow for a suitable distance between the restrooms and the pavilion.

Sewer Plant Update

Per Carmen, Ernie McNeely of West Chester Borough said the Borough could not do anything to change the operating costs for East Goshen.

The Board discussed Pennoni’s June 7 proposal for Design, Permitting and Bid Phase Services for the RCSTP (SBR), for \$400K. They will suggest the Municipal Authority obtain at least two other bids.

Proposals to Evaluate Capital Reserve Requirements for Sewer System

The Township has received three proposals – from Pennoni, Yerkes, and Keystone Alliance. Mark Miller recommends contracting with Keystone, as he has had good experience with them. Joe is not sure of the value of such a study, and if the Township will act on the data once it’s received. The other Supervisors did not agree.

Oxford Gateway Apartments – Request to Build Kitchen Addition on Historic House

Marty questioned why this matter was on the Supervisors’ agenda before it was given to the Historical Commission for review. Don agreed the Historical Commission should have received it first, and will relay that to Rick Smith.

Township Tuition Reimbursement Policy

Joe suggests changing Paragraph 14-2 to eliminate this benefit from being offered to part-time employees. Joe said the Township should consider setting a maximum “payout” either per lifetime or per year. Thom suggested if a maximum is imposed, it should be a maximum number of credits. Thom does not think the Township should reimburse employees for books, and that a minimum grade eligible for reimbursement should be changed from C to B. The other supervisors agreed on these two points. Carmen is opposed to making students pay tuition up front, to be reimbursed by the Township. He would prefer the Township to front the tuition.

Mark Gordon will prepare a draft incorporating the suggested changes, and Thom will review it. The Supervisors will then review the final draft at an upcoming meeting.

Refuse Bids

The Board reviewed the bid request prepared by Rick Smith. They agreed to let the bid request go out with no changes.

Change to Workshop Start Time & Agendas

The Supervisors discussed changing the start time for Board workshops. After discussion, the Supervisors agreed to change the meeting time to 6:30pm, beginning with the July 3 meeting. They agreed that agenda items must be prioritized to ensure that items with deadlines are discussed before other matters that can wait. Don would like to add an “Any Other Matter” section to Workshop agendas

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on June 20

Carmen will attend this meeting on behalf of the Board.

Liaison Reports

Park & Rec - Thom reported on the June 7 Park & Rec meeting. A survey of past Applebrook Golf participants has revealed that interest has waned due to the high cost, poor-quality lunch, and weekday schedule. The July 4 event planning is going well, but donations are still needed to cover the cost. Local Girl Scouts have received Park & Rec’s permission to place a hidden “letter box” in East Goshen.

Finance Committee – Marty reported that the age and condition of the police car fleet is becoming an issue.

Generator for Township Building

Mark Miller said he is still waiting for Yerkes to get back to him with information. He will follow up with them.

Draft PSATS Letter about Road Maintenance

This matter was tabled.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Public Comment: Harold Rennard – Thanked the Board for taking the time to visit his property this evening to discuss the stormwater issue.

Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive – Asked if the Planning Commission sends representatives to Zoning Hearing Board meetings. Don told him they do not. Marty said the Board can request a representative from the Planning Commission to attend, if they think it necessary. Mr. Egan then stated that the Board’s agenda is still not being posted to the Township website as it should be.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary