

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
July 24, 2007 – 6:30pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Joe McDonough, Carmen Battavio and Marty Shane. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Phyllis Marron and Bob Hubner (Park & Rec), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee and Al Zuccarello (Planning Commission) and Jane Fava (Conservancy Board).

Deer Management Committee Report

Don noted that contraceptives for deer have not been approved by the FDA or EPA and he does not believe that one approach will control the size of the deer herd.

Marty suggested that the Board conduct a survey to see how the residents feel about hunting on Township Open Space.

Carmen opined that if the residents of a particular neighborhood want hunting in their open space in their development we should allow it. He also suggested that the Township should do something about the ticks that carry Lyme disease. Thom believes that a civic association should not decide whether or not hunting should be allowed on Township open space.

Jim McRee suggested that the Township needs to develop some type program and build on its success.

Rick advised that the Township only owns or controls a small percentage of the land in the Township.

It was the consensus of the Board that Don, Jim and Rick would finalize and send the RFP letter to the bow hunting clubs. They would also prepare a letter that would be sent to the large property owners stating that the Deer Committee's Report and information on bow hunting clubs would be sent to them upon request.

Jim McRee was asked to prepare two articles for the newsletter. The first would be a general article on deer and what the Township is doing about them. The second would be a notice that if a particular development wanted to have bow hunting on the Township open space in their development that they would need to provide the Board with a petition signed by 60% of the property owners that in that development and any other development that is adjacent to the open space.

The Board then discussed what could be done about the deer ticks that cause Lyme disease. Jim noted that deer feeder bait station were available that placed the Permethrin on the deer when they feed. The bait stations have been very effective in reducing the deer tick population. A concern was expressed about liability of the Township placed the feeders on public property.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Township would have a program whereas the Township would provide some number of the feeders and provide the homeowner with the corn and the Permethrin provided the homeowners entered into an agreement with the Township and the Township was held harmless by the homeowner.

Anne Drive Storm Sewer

The Board reviewed the proposal from Yerkes Associates. Marty suggested that in light of the cost that the Township should obtain two more proposals. In response to a question from Joe Rick advised that the construction cost estimate of \$100 a foot (\$35,000 to \$40,000) was a best guess. He noted that most of the pipe was in the roadway and that we had to cross North Chester Road, both of which increased the cost.

John Schorn suggested that the Township obtain a construction cost estimate from Macanga.

It was the consensus of the Board that Rick should ask for engineering proposal from Chester Valley and Pennoni and he should ask Macanga if they could work up a construction cost estimate based on the current information.

Traffic Signal LEDs

Rick advised that Board that the cost to convert a traffic signal to LED would range from \$2,200 to \$3,200 per signal. The LED would only use 6 watts and it would replace a 150 watt bulb. Based on an estimated cost for electric of \$0.11 per kwh the installations would pay for themselves in 2 ½ to 3 years. Rick was requested to prepare a written report for the Board.

Lockwood Water Pressure

Rick reported that he had contacted Aqua on behalf of Mrs. Larrabee who lives at 901 Brookmont Circle. Aqua had checked the pressure on Brookmont Circle and determined that the average pressure was 39 psi with the lowest reading being 35 psi and a highest reading being 40 psi. The variation is attributed the level of the water in the Chester Valley tank. The PUC minimum is 20 psi. He also reported that he had communicated this information to Mrs. Larrabee and advised her that she could install a booster pump, at her expense, if she wanted higher water pressure.

Rossmore Curb

The Board reviewed letter from the Township Engineer concerning the defective concrete that was used in some of the curb in Rossmore. The Board requested that Rick contact the Township Solicitor to see if the Township had any recourse against the developer. The Board also asked the Planning Commission to review the Yerkes letter and determine if any changes are warranted to our zoning.

YMCA Project

Rick stated that the top soil pile had been moved and that the tree protection fence had been relocated. Art Polishuk noted that there was a tree along Airport that did not appear to have a tree protection fence around it.

Several of the Board members expressed their dissatisfaction with the Township Engineer in light of this. They felt that given the “high profile” of this project that Yerkes should have been more proactive in their inspections.

Joe McDonough stated “we have to do something”.

Jane Fava commented that the Conservancy Board was scheduled to meet with a representative from the Township Engineer’s office, the developer’s landscaper and the representative from the HOA to inspect the landscaping in the Reserve at Spring Meadows at 2:00 pm on July 24th. When they arrived at 2:00 pm they were advised that the landscaping representative from Yerkes had started the inspection at 1:00 pm and that they did not intend to re-inspect the plantings that they had already looked at.

It was the consensus of the Board that Rick should write a letter to Yerkes stating the Board’s dissatisfaction with Yerkes with respect to: the time it took to obtain the cost estimate for Anne Drive storm sewer, the tree protection fencing at the YMCA, and the Conservancy Board meeting at The Reserve at Spring Meadows, and requesting that someone appear at the August 14 meeting to discuss what can be done to improve the quality of their service.

Cardboard Dumpsters

The Board noted that they had received an e-mail from Kathryn Yahraes in support of keeping the dumpsters. Rick was asked to prepare a report detailing the revenues and expense associated with the dumpsters.

Paving of the Western Path Loop at Applebrook

The Board noted that they had received an e-mail from Kathryn Yahraes in support of keeping the western path in its current condition.

Joe McDonough asked when the connection would be made by the culvert on Paoli Pike and if there would be a bridge. Rick advised that the Public Works Department had it on its “to do” list and that the trail would have to go over the existing culvert pipe since there were wetlands.

Leaf Bags

Thom reported that he had found a sponsor who would be willing to pay for one-half of the cost of the bags. The cost for 22,680 standard bags would be \$7575.12. The Township could get a ½ truck load (35,640) of printed bags for \$11,761.20. Rick reported that there were ~3,200 homes in the refuse program. The Board decided to table action until the meeting on August 7, 2007.

Comcast Generators

Rick reported that the plantings around the generators at Comcast were in conformance with the approved land development plan. It was suggested that Rick write a letter to Comcast asking them to install additional plantings.

Vacuum Truck

Rick advised that Mark Miller had obtained verbal quotes of \$1,500 to rent a vacuum truck to clean out inlets. There are 2,200 inlets and at 32 inlets a day it would take about 70 days to clean

all of them. The estimated cost for this would be \$105,000. If we purchased the unit our cost would be \$77,533 a year.

In response to a question from Art Polishuk Rick advised that under upcoming DEP regulations, Townships such as East Goshen would be required to minimize the amount of suspended solids that enter the stream. The Board requested that Rick solicit bids for this service and prepare a report based on the bid results.

Connect CTY

Marty reported that the Connect CTY is a system by which a municipality can notify its residents by telephone in a relatively short period of time. He stated that company had made a presentation to the WCACOG at their meeting in June and that he felt such a system would be beneficial to East Goshen. The estimated cost is \$2.50 per household per year. Carmen also felt such a system would be useful in the event of an emergency.

The Board requested that Rick ask them to attend the September 18 meeting and make a presentation to the Board.

The Board elected to table the proposed ordinance changes, CCATO resolutions and nominations, and the Tuition Reimbursement Policy until August 7.

Public Comment

Kathryn Yahraes reported that the Chester county Historic Preservation Network had presented the Historic Commission with a Certificate of Merit for their participation of information for the Chester County Historic Resource Atlas Project. Don suggested that Kathryn appear at the August 7 meeting and make an announcement about the award.

Kathryn also reported that the Town Walk had been very successful and that the Swiss Farms had donated iced tea and water for the event.

Abbas Rahbari noted that 3M has had some problems with LED and that the Township should consider broadcasting its public meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:45pm.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:20pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager