

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
November 27, 2007 – 6:30pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Joe McDonough and Marty Shane. Supervisor Carmen Battavio was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec) and Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC). Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission) was present for a portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board conducted ABC interviews from 6:30-7:45pm.

WORKSHOP

Liaison Reports

Don reported on the November 14 Conservancy Board meeting. They are waiting to hear back about two grants – a Growing Greener grant and a forestry grant. The forestry grant will help the Conservancy Board make the best use of the YMCA trees.

Marty would like ABCs to come before the Supervisors for the Board's endorsement before applying for grants and/or committing Mark Miller's staff to perform work (such as with the Growing Greener grant). Thom agreed. Joe would like a policy written to this effect.

The Conservancy Board met with the YMCA and their contractor on November 21. It was agreed that the underbrush will be left on the property, and only manmade items will be removed.

Conservancy Board – Number of Members

The Board accepted the Conservancy Board's request to increase its membership from 5 to 7.

Ford Taurus

The Board agreed 3-0 to sell this vehicle. Thom abstained from voting. The bid award will be granted at the next meeting.

Sewer & Refuse Budgets

The Board agreed not to reduce the refuse rates by \$10. Joe said he will vote against any budget with a sewer rate increase as long as it's possible the Township could decide to sell the sewer system.

Applebrook Golf Outings

The Board discussed and edited the revised draft letter to Hank Belber. Rick will revise the letter again.

Applebrook Trail

The trail is still under discussion; nothing has been decided yet.

Public Comment: John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Asked who will bear the cost of constructing the trail. Marty said it will be split between Hank Belber and the Township.

Jim McRee of the Planning Commission said it would make sense to have a trail along Line Road so that walkers won't have to be in traffic.

District Court Costs

The Board reviewed a document Rick prepared showing the cost breakdown for the District Court.

Sewer Rate Structure

Rick is going to compile data on the topic for the Board's review. This is in response to resident Bill Egan's question about the sewer rate structure,

Status of Park Pavilion

Rick said the pavilion is currently being constructed offsite by the manufacturer.

DMC Update

Jim McRee announced that member Steve DiAntonio submitted his resignation to the DMC, effective at the end of 2007. Steve was the only hunter on the DMC.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for November 27, 2007:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00		
Earned Income Tax	\$ 128,582.46		
EMS TAX	\$ 12,000.00	Accounts Payable	\$ 31,565.66
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 0.00	Payroll	\$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 140,582.46	Total Expenditures	\$ 71,565.66
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00		\$ 2,413.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 0.00		\$ 419.00
Refuse	\$ 96.00		\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

Marty moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the receipts and to approve the expenditures reviewed during the workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Study for N. Chester Road & Anne Drive

Resident John Schorn asked the status of this project. Thom said the Township is still waiting to get the engineering report back. Rick said that per Jeff Sommer, the Township has no legal obligation to do anything to address the water situation in that area of the Township, but may have a moral obligation to do so. Rick is going to check if the engineer's calculations were done properly at the time, and if the stormwater management system upstream is adequate.

Subdivisions/Land Developments/ZHB Applications

Rick said the Township has received an application from a homeowner on Vista Drive for a variance for a front-yard intrusion.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive – Asked if the Hershey's Mill dam belongs to the Township. Rick said yes. Rick will be meeting with Al Zuccarello about this issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:47pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session from until 10:30pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary