

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
May 19, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Joe McDonough was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith and Linda Gordon (Historical Commission).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Review of Minutes

The draft minutes of April 15, April 29, May 6, and May 12 were reviewed and corrected.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Furbee, 1317 Park Avenue - Variance Application

Don said the Furbees have withdrawn their application for a new shed, as they plan to refurbish the existing shed.

C-5 Zoning Amendment to Allow for a School Use

All the Supervisors present said they were okay with the change. Rick will go ahead and advertise a public hearing.

Revised Subdivision Plan for Sorrell Hill

All the Supervisors present said they were okay with the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the revised subdivision plan. They were also okay with the requested escrow release.

Hershey's Mill Dam

The Supervisors discussed the proposal from Rettew to investigate breaching the dam, and agreed to accept the proposal at the formal meeting tomorrow evening.

T-Mobile Northeast LLC, PECO Pole #187 on N. Chester Road -Variance Application

Don would like to revisit this issue since T-Mobile has not satisfactorily pursued negotiations with NextG, based on the May 8 email from Christopher Sinclair. The other Supervisors agreed. The Board will consider changing their recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board to a recommendation for denial unless T-Mobile can prove they negotiated in good faith with NextG. Otherwise the "no position" recommendation can stand.

Marty said he would like to revisit the height issue too. Rick reported that the Mullens have told him they prefer the equipment cabinets to be mounted low, and around the pole (not stacked).

Rick will email Mr. Petrosa and let him know the Board will discuss this matter at the meeting tomorrow evening. Don will contact Mr. Sinclair.

Lynch, 1680 E. Boot Road – Variance Application for B&B

Rick said Mrs. Lynch plans to change the application to only request a variance to open a B&B on E. Boot Road. If that variance is granted, she will do something legally regarding the ownership of the property. The Board decided that since the application has not been withdrawn yet, they will plan to make a motion at tomorrow's meeting that mirrors the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

YMCA, 605 Airport Road – Request for Amendment to Conditional Use Approval

Don said the primary issue of concern is parking. In addition, Orth-Rodgers has raised some questions that have not been answered by the YMCA. The Supervisors agreed the YMCA needs to prepare a contingency parking plan. Marty said he would like to have it before the first swim meet which is scheduled for November 1, 2008. He said he prefers not to hold up the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Rick will contact the YMCA to let them know the Board would like a school district representative present at the meeting tomorrow evening to answer provide information such as the expected attendance numbers for the swim meets. The Board would also like the school representative to bring a copy of the swim meet schedule to the meeting.

Linda Gordon suggested the Board have the YMCA provide a list of the swim meets in writing so the police can be alerted ahead of time to patrol for illegal parking.

ABC Goals – 1st Quarter Reports

The Board reviewed the 1st Quarter reports provided by the ABCs on their progress toward their goals for 2008. The Planning Commission and Deer Management Committee have yet to submit their reports.

Municipal Authority – Marty said the MA did not provide enough detail in their report.

Conservancy Board – Marty said he believes the CB's highest priority should be to increase recycling within the Township. He said he would provide Don with name of a Bowtree resident who is very interested in promoting recycling. Don said that there is a new member of the CB who is also very interested in this topic and has agreed to make it her pet project.

Historical Commission – Marty said he was very impressed with the level of detail provided in the HC's report. He wondered if perhaps this ABC is taking on too many projects.

Park & Rec – Marty said Park & Rec needs to provide more details and specific information in future reports. In addition, he would like the Park & Rec members to write articles for the newsletter, and not rely solely on Frank Vattilano to do so.

Don told Marty he thinks the ABC's need to be told what kind of information they should include in their reports, and the preferred format and level of detail. Rick said he could provide some specific guidelines in his next reminder notice before the 2nd Quarter reports are due.

Pension Statements for Township Employees

The Board approved of Diane Degnan's suggestion to start sending annual pension statements to employees. The cost of this service will be deducted from the pension plan.

Newsletter

The Board discussed how best to scale back the size of the newsletter to reduce costs. They agreed to cap the next newsletter at 16 pages. Each ABC and the DMC may have 1 page with the exception of Park & Rec, who will be allowed 4 pages. In addition, 1 page each will be allotted for the Chairman's Report, an MS-4 article, and a "Clip-It" page. Marty said he would like to see more photos in the newsletter. He would like a page listing elected officials, key phone numbers, and a Township calendar. The Board agreed to model the newsletter layout and design after that of West Bradford Township, and to have it printed on glossy recycled paper.

Grant Policy

The Board reviewed the draft Grant Policy, and agreed it was okay as written. This policy will be formally adopted at a future meeting.

Sexual Harassment Policy for ABCs

The Board discussed the draft Sexual Harassment policy in detail, but finally agreed to have the Township Solicitor create a new document for review.

Mail Policy

The Board made some revisions to the draft Mail policy. Rick will update the document.

Zoning Amendments

The Board discussed the suggested changes to the Zoning Amendments. They made some revisions to the sections on Recreational Vehicles and Junkyards.

Zoning Amendment for Fences

The Board agreed to revise the zoning ordinance for fences to require that fences be installed with the "good" side facing outward.

Request to Install a Cell Tower on Paoli Pike

Don recommended the Board turn down this request. The other Supervisors agreed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:35pm to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary