

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

**Present:** Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Phyllis Marron and Ruth Scadding (Park & Rec), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), and Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC).

**WORKSHOP**

**Minutes**

The draft minutes of August 4 and 5 were reviewed and corrected.

**Bills**

Current invoices were reviewed.

**Agenda Items**

Don requested that the Board go back to the policy of not accepting items of new business beyond the Friday cutoff. Lately the Board has been given too many new items on Tuesdays, right before the meetings when there is no time to review them.

**Sexual Harassment Policy**

The Board reviewed the revised draft policy and made additional changes. This item will be voted on at a future meeting.

*Public Comment: John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Asked if the policy will apply to the Supervisors. Marty said yes.*

**YMCA Tree Substitutions**

The Board reviewed the August 14 email recommendation from Conservancy Board member Bryan Del Monte regarding the YMCA's request to substitute some tree species.

**Township Email Policy**

Marty asked the Supervisor liaisons to remind their respective ABCs about compliance with the Township email policy.

**WCASD Bus Transfers**

The Board reviewed Rick's August 15 email about the transfer point for buses for non-public school students in the WCASD. The current (temporary) transfer point is at the IBM building, but the Township needs to agree on something more permanent since the IBM building is for sale. Joe would like the school to use the District Court parking lot. Thom, Don and Carmen agreed, and said the Township Park should definitely not be used as the transfer point. Marty thinks it will be difficult to fit eight buses in the District Court lot and doesn't agree that is the best place. Carmen said if the District Court location turns out to be a problem down the road,

the Board can address it then. Don suggested the Township send a letter to the County and to Chet Darlington asking if they have a problem with the District Court lot being used for this purpose. The Supervisors agreed to continue using the IBM site for now.

Linda Gordon of the Historical Commission wanted to know why this is the Township's problem. The Supervisors explained that they want to be a good neighbor and accommodate the school district in this matter if possible.

### **Tree Trimming by Public Works Department**

Don reported that the Conservancy Board is not pleased with the trimming of the cedar tree on the triangle at Paoli Pike & Boot Road. Apparently a Public Works employee received permission to trim the bottom branches of adjacent cherry trees to allow better access for the mower and decided to also trim the cedar. Scott Sanders has suggested the Township plant an additional cedar tree or two on the triangle and eventually remove the damaged tree. Also, the Conservancy Board would like the Public Works Department to receive some basic training in tree-trimming to prevent this sort of mistake from happening again. They would also like any contractors the Township employs to trim trees to receive the same training, and/or conform to specifications requiring that they be trained in tree-trimming.

Linda Gordon of the Historical Commission said the problem is with the Public Works Department's summer helpers. She says they routinely mow the plantings and flowers near the Plank House and along E. Boot Road. They have also bumped the Goshenville lamp-post with the mower so many times it is ready to fall down.

Joe said the Board should address the breakdown in communication and lack of supervision of the Public Works employees.

Don suggested that Scott Sanders meet with Mark Miller and Linda Gordon to discuss this issue.

Marty suggested changing two YMCA trees to cedars and planting them on the triangle. Don said he would check with the Conservancy Board about this and Rick can check with the YMCA.

### **Trash Hauler Report**

The Board reviewed Mark Miller's August 14 report on trash hauler complaints. There was no comment or discussion.

## **FORMAL MEETING**

### **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:01pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **Recording of Meeting**

No resident indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

### **Moment of Silence**

Carmen called for a moment of silence in honor of the men and women serving their country in the armed forces, and their families.

### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

(This public comment period was carried over from the prior meeting.)

*John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane* – Asked the motivation behind the trashcan ordinance. Marty said it's a quality of life issue. Mr. Schorn asked if the Township has received numerous complaints about residents leaving their trashcans out too long, and Marty said yes. Mr. Schorn said the Board is trying to micromanage residents.

Mr. Schorn then asked why the deer letter is just now being sent to residents. Marty said there was no requirement to send out the letter before. Mr. Schorn asked if the Board is required to send it out now. Marty said no.

Mr. Schorn said that with the Chief of Police was present, he would like to get the final word on whether or not the police will respond to calls about problems in the open spaces. He heard Sgt. Gorman say the police would not respond, but the Township has stated the police are required to respond. Chief Dumond said it is his understanding that open spaces are within the jurisdiction of the police. Thom agreed and said it has been made clear to the police that it is their duty to respond to calls about the open spaces.

Mr. Schorn asked for an update about the Mill Creek ballfield situation he raised several meetings ago. Joe said he drove over and looked at the field. That area is the location where Public Works stores millings and there is not much that can be done. In regard to the unpaved driveway, Joe said the Township would have to get permission from the landowner to pave it, and that would mean the millings would have to be removed. Rick said in that event, the Township would have to move the millings over to Applebrook, because there is no other place in the Township where they can be stored. Marty directed Rick to send a memo to Park & Rec asking them for a recommendation about the access road and parking area.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Don moved to approve the minutes of August 4 and 5 as corrected in Workshop. Thom seconded the motion. There was no public comment and no discussion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Chairman's Report**

Marty announced that the August 26 Board meeting has been cancelled.

Marty announced that the bids for manhole rehabilitation are being reviewed by the Township Engineer. A bid award will be made on September 2. The bids received are as follows:

Abel Recon – Mountville, PA	\$340.00/ft	\$16,320 Total Cost
SWERP Inc. – Lafayette Hill, PA	\$474.75/ft	\$22,788 Total Cost

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for August 19, 2008:

	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 719.96	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 65,482.42	
LST	\$ 15,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 69,935.27
Transfer Tax	\$ 55,497.42	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 13,965.85	Payroll \$ 43,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 150,665.65</b>	<b>Total Expenditures \$ 112,935.27</b>
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 93,169.21
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 20,536.07	\$ 22,361.49
Refuse	\$ 15,887.34	\$ 72,569.94
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, and the receipts, and to approve the expenditures reviewed in Workshop. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Report**

Chief John Dumond was present. Marty told the Chief that the Township needs to receive the police reports on Fridays.

Chief Dumond reported that the police responded to 685 calls for service from East Goshen in July, and a total of 1,327 calls from the three townships. He said the police did an outstanding job covering the East Goshen fair, where it was rumored that a gang confrontation would be taking place. The Chief announced that the next Citizens Police Academy would begin on September 8 if anyone is interesting in applying.

*John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane* – Asked if any of the police calls in July were for Wellington and Bellingham. Chief Dumond said the majority of ambulance calls are always for those two facilities every month.

**Sexual Harassment Policy**

Marty announced that this policy is being tabled.

**YMCA Tree Substitutions**

Don moved to approve the substitution of 3 Shellbark Hickory (Carya laciniosa) trees for three Shagbark Hickory trees per the August 14, 2008 recommendation of the Conservancy Board. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

### **Correspondence & Reports of Interest**

Marty acknowledged receipt of the July 2008 Fire Marshal's Report.

### **Meetings & Dates of Importance**

Marty noted that the August 26 Supervisors' meeting has been cancelled.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

## **WORKSHOP (Resumed)**

### **July 4 Community Day**

The Board discussed whether or not to have a July 4 community day again in 2009. Marty said if the Township decides to hold the event again, he would like the Park & Rec Board to be responsible for obtaining a certain percentage of the cost in donations. Carmen said it is a great event, but it's become too expensive, especially without adequate sponsorships. Don thinks the Township should hold the event again in 2009, but wants an effort made to grow the sponsorship base, and said we should not wait too late before soliciting donations, which is usually the case. Joe would like to continue the event in 2009. Thom would also like to continue the event, but he is not comfortable with the Township paying \$40K for it. He would like to make it a goal to get donations for at least 50% of the cost for the year 2009.

Marty said that Park & Rec needs to make fundraising a priority, and to start now looking for sponsors for next year's event. If they start now, the sponsoring companies will be able to put their donations into their 2009 budgets. Carmen disagreed that fundraising should be the job of Park & Rec.

Linda Gordon of the Historical Commission said Park & Rec needs to develop a marketing plan and to follow up on the solicitation letters they send out. They also need to make sure that the letters they send out are addressed to the right people. She said that donors will need to be recognized.

Ruth Scadding of Park & Rec suggested the Township charge for parking as a way to defray some of the cost. The Supervisors told her that is a good idea but it would be logistically difficult to arrange that, and impossible to enforce any kind of entry fee.

Joe and Don said the event should be held in 2009. Carmen said he can live with having the event another year if all the expenses are carefully reviewed next year. Marty agreed with him. Thom is in favor of having the event in 2009 but wants the option of backing out in February or March if the Township is unable to raise 50% of the cost for 2009.

Marty directed Thom to include updates on the fundraising efforts in his monthly Park & Rec liaison reports.

### **Grants for RCSTP**

The Board reviewed an information sheet prepared by Rick showing two possible grants that could be applied for to obtain funding for the renovation of the RCSTP. One grant, under Act 63, would require a minimum match of 50% by the Township. Another grant is available under

Act 64 and would garner \$10M in funding from electoral debt. The Board decided to find out from Andy Dinniman what is the probability of East Goshen securing money from either of these options, and what timeframe is acceptable to the DEP for applications. Rick will find out the consequences of a delay when he meets with DEP on September 5.

### **Year-End Budget Projections**

The Township's 2009 expenses are in line with projections.

[Note: Supervisor Battavio had to leave the meeting at this point.]

### **Pensions**

The Board will announce a minimum obligation at the September 2 meeting. Marty would like the new Assistant Manager, when he or she is hired, to research changing the defined pension plan to a 401(k)-type program.

### **New Willistown Development Off Line Road**

Marty reported that there have been significant changes to the planned development in Willistown off Line Road which will cause a delay in the installation of the traffic light and left-turn lane at Paoli Pike. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed to take the initiative and make the intersection improvements now if an arrangement can be worked out with Willistown to ensure that East Goshen will get reimbursed for Willistown's share of the expense. If an arrangement cannot be worked out, no action will be taken at this time.

Marty would like to notify East Goshen residents of the schedule of meetings in Willistown pertaining to the new development, if Willistown is willing to provide this information.

### **Letter to Residents about Deer Management Program (DMP)**

The Board edited the draft letter to go out to residents residing within 1,000 ft of an affected open space. Rick will make the changes and circulate the revised draft.

### **Subdivision/Land Development/ZHB Applications**

Rick advised that there will potentially be two conditional use hearings in the near future for home occupations.

### **ABC Goals**

This item was tabled due to the late hour.

### **Liaison Reports**

Joe provided a written report from the August 17 meeting of the Police Study Group.

### **Adjournment**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:45pm to discuss strategy on the police labor contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary

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