

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
September 9, 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, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC) and Township Solicitor Jeff Sommer.

Announcements

Marty announced that there might not be a public comment period, depending on whether or not there is time remaining after all the agenda items are covered. He said if there is no time for public comment tonight, it would be carried over to the next meeting. He also announced that this would be a workshop meeting for the Supervisors, and no comments would be taken from the floor during Board discussion.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Line Road & Paoli Pike Traffic Signal & Turn Lane

Edmund Campbell, Jr. Esq. was present to represent Applewood Meadow Associates Acquisition Corporation which is developing the Applebrooke Meadows Subdivision in Willistown Township in cooperation with The Benson Companies. With him was a Mr. Mike Devine. They showed a plan of the proposed development of 144 residential units. The units will be built in three phases. They said they have all necessary permits for the first 54 units, and they plan to break ground in the next 30-60 days. They expect to have final approval from Willistown for the first phase very shortly. The homes will sell for approximately \$550K-\$650K under the current market conditions. They said that 12 similar homes can be seen at the West Chester Golf Club.

In response to a question from Marty, Mr. Campbell said that the first residents could not be allowed to move in until the traffic light is installed.

Marty asked if they had any pending sales. Mr. Devine said they currently have 4 to 5 “reservations.”

Mr. Devine said they were present tonight to request a meeting with East Goshen to discuss the details of the traffic light, turn lane, and how the improvements will be funded.

After some discussion over who would fund what, Carmen advised that East Goshen’s cost for doing work at the intersection would be higher than that of a typical developer because the project would have to be put out to bid and workers would have to be paid the prevailing wage. Joe stated that East Goshen has already paid to have engineering drawings created and he suggested the parties share information so as not to duplicate each other’s efforts.

Marty directed Rick to set up a meeting. He said 2 members of the Planning Commission should also be included.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for September 9, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00		
Earned Income Tax	\$ 361,549.88		
LST	\$ 6882.59	Accounts Payable	\$ 58,147.90
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 15,389.37	Payroll	\$ 43,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 383,821.84	Total Expenditures	\$ 101,147.90
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00		\$ 9,815.35
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 7,836.00		\$ 7,783.51
Refuse	\$ 2,452.77		\$ 350.19
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

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

Draft Resolution to Make the DMC an ABC

The Board reviewed the draft resolution. Carmen expressed concern that the DMC could start to grow too big and generate more expenses. Thom said he is opposed to making the DMC an ABC. Joe said he thinks it may not be the right time to make it an ABC. Marty stated that the DMC essentially functions as an ABC already, and the resolution would just formalize that. Marty took a poll and Thom, Carmen and Joe indicated they would not vote in support of this resolution at this time. Therefore, no action was taken.

DMP Hunt Schedule

The Board discussed the hunting schedule and how the information would be shared with residents via the website.

Thom does not want hunters showing up when they are not listed on the schedule and vice-versa. He said the police should get a copy of the schedule each week, and be given a map of the hunting zones with the tree stand locations.

The Supervisors agreed that the hunting schedule, once submitted, has to remain as submitted with no add-ons during the week. However, Jim McRee said the hunters need the Township to be flexible, and the current program, as written, does allow for changes through the week. Don suggested that the hunters could over-schedule themselves, and then just not show up the days they cannot make it. Jim said if we encourage them to do that, they'll all schedule themselves for every day, which would make for a very inaccurate schedule. Marty agreed. Don asked if the Board might consider allowing hunters to submit any changes by close of business on Tuesdays. Marty said that when posting the schedule, the Township should "err" in the favor of the residents, meaning changes should not be allowed. Joe agreed.

After some more discussion, Thom, Don, and Marty said they were in favor of letting the program run its course as is, and if it appears the hunters are making significant changes to the posted schedule, the program can be re-evaluated, and a policy for making changes can be developed.

The Board had a few changes to the proposed form that will be posted on the web. Don wants Jim to clarify "a.m." and "p.m." times. Marty wants "stand" to be changed to "zone" since the hunters can move their treestands with a zone. The others all agreed with Marty except for Thom. Thom would prefer to leave it as "stand" for the sake of residents wanting to know exactly where the hunters will be and also for the sake of police who are called to respond to any incidents.

Carmen noted that the Supervisors are the ones that approved the program, and said it can be changed. (This was in response to some comments from other Board members that it was too late to change anything). Carmen asked the Board to revisit the possibility of reducing the hunting days down to two per week out of consideration for the residents. The program can then be re-evaluated and changes made if necessary. Only Joe indicated that he would also be willing to reconsider the number of days per week, so no action was taken on that issue.

Road Improvements on King George Court

The Board reviewed Rick's September 5 memo on this topic. Joe said the Township shouldn't spend money to pave roads which haven't been dedicated to the Township yet. Carmen noted this is a catch-22, because the Township can't take dedication of the roads until they are up to ordinance code. Carmen will speak with Pat McKenna about this matter and report back to the Board.

RCSTP Bid Award Options

Marty announced that the Municipal Authority (MA) has asked for more time to review the odor control options and therefore the September 15 joint meeting will have to be rescheduled. The Board agreed to reschedule the meeting to September 30 at 8pm. The Supervisors then reviewed the summary sheet listing the various options for odor control.

ABC Vacancies

Rick will send out the resumes for the DMC applicants to the Board for review during the week. If no one has objections, the new members can be appointed at the September 16 meeting. The

Board will conduct interviews for the MA vacancy at September 30 at 7pm, before the joint meeting about the RCSTP bids.

Alarm Ordinance

Jeff Sommer said he is reviewing this ordinance and will have his final draft to the Board by Friday.

Public Comment

Kathryn Yahraes of the Historical Commission updated the Board on the plans for the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial Pavilion in the Township Park. The ceremony will take place on October 18. Kathryn passed out a tentative agenda.

Any Other Matter

Don asked the status of the Angelini property. Rick said Mr. Angelini is in the hospital and nothing has been done.

Don asked the status of the research on getting a grant for the RCSTP upgrade. Rick said that one bill will be on the next ballot, and he has not received an answer yet on his inquiry on the second bill. He said the timing works against the Township, because you cannot apply for a grant after work on a project has commenced. Don then asked if Rick got any good information from the September 5 meeting with DEP. Rick said that meeting was rescheduled for later this month. The Supervisors advised Rick to contact Andy Dinniman rather than wait for the DEP meeting.

Liaison Reports

Thom informed the Board that Park & Rec has selected Friday, July 3 as the date for the 2009 fireworks. By scheduling them for a Friday, they can use Sunday July 5 as a rain date.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary