

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 Paoli Pike
August 4, 2009 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Also present were Assistant Township Manager Joe Gill, Jim McRee (Deer Committee), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission) and Township Solicitor Skip Brion. Zoning Officer Mark Gordon was present for the latter portion of the meeting.

WORKSHOP

Review of Minutes

The draft minutes of July 28 will be held until the next meeting.

Bills

The Treasurer's Report and Expenditure Register Report were reviewed.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

Ordinance Amendment Prohibiting Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles

This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Diagnostic Tool for Township Vehicles

This item will be tabled pending additional information from Mark Miller. Don would like Thom to bring this issue up at a future COG meeting.

Boot Road Restriping

The Board agreed they are not willing to reconsider this project at this time. However, they do want to pursue any economic stimulus funding that might be available for the traffic signal work.

Hershey's Mill Dam Update

Marty, Joe McDonough and Joe Gill met with Kathryn Yahraes and some residents last week regarding this issue. Marty said the July 20 letter from DEP to the Township indicates that DEP prefers the Township to breach the dam. Yerkes has been asked to provide new calculations to see if it would be possible to breach the dam yet save the waterfall, even if it must be reduced in height. Henry Sciortino, a resident, is going to see what he can do to have NRCS postpone the grant deadline by two weeks to a month. If the Township is unable to get a waiver from DEP, and the NRCS will not extend their September 4 deadline, the Board will have to make a decision on this project during the August 18 meeting.

Garage Doors

The Board wants a report from Joe Gill on why new garage doors have been purchased recently, and whether insurance claims should have been filed for each of the replacement doors, not just one.

Vincent Angelini, 957 Cornwallis Drive - Subdivision Application

The Board discussed this application with Township Solicitor Skip Brion.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Marty Shane called the meeting to order at 8:07pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recording of Meeting

No resident indicated they planned to record the meeting.

Moment of Silence

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

Approval of Minutes

Marty announced that the minutes of July 28 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman's Report

Marty announced that East Goshen won the cow milking contest at the Goshen Fair this year. Representing East Goshen were Supervisors Carmen Battavio and Don McConathy along with Senator Andy Dinniman.

Parking Ordinance Amendment

Don moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise an amendment to Chapter 225 of the Township Code to prohibit overnight parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

The Treasurer's Report for July 30, 2009:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 4,238.53	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 25,802.31	Accounts Payable \$ 8,776.65
LST	\$ 9,000.00	Electronic Payments \$ 0.00
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 28,014.78
Codes, Park & Rec	\$ 9,505.22	Payroll \$ 46,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 48,546.06	Total Expenditures \$ 82,791.43
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 36,958.72	\$ 39,761.60
Refuse	\$ 18,913.93	\$ 5,745.97
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 30 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices reviewed in Workshop. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

National Bank of Malvern, Conditional Use Application, 1305 Paoli Pike

The Board continued a public hearing to consider approving the Conditional Use Application of the National Bank of Malvern for their property at 1305 Paoli Pike. The Bank was represented by Bob Adams, Esq. The Board heard additional testimony and the record was then closed. The Board will render a decision on this application during the September 15, 2009 meeting. A court reporter was present for the public hearing and will provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

FORMAL MEETING (Resumed)

Vincent Angelini, 957 Cornwallis Drive - Subdivision Application

Dennis O'Neill, P.E. was present for the applicant and gave the Board an overview of Mr. Angelini's application.

Don moved that the Board approve the subdivision application of Vincent Angelini for the three lot subdivision of his property located at 957 Cornwallis Drive as depicted in the Preliminary/ Final Subdivision Plan dated January 29, 2009 last revised June 24, 2009 with the following conditions:

1. The erosion and sedimentation controls and stormwater management for Lots #1 and #2 are not approved. Revised plans must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of a building permit for these lots per Yerkes' letter of June 30, 2009.
2. The applicant must receive approval from DEP for the Sewer Planning Module Exemption prior to issuance of any building permits. If the exemption is not approved by DEP then the necessary Sewer Planning Modules must be submitted and approved prior to the issuance of any building permits.
3. The two waivers requested by the applicant are approved: no Traffic Impact Study is required for this application and no landscape planting plan sealed by a Registered Landscape architect is required for the application.
4. The Declaration of Easements documents shall be revised to clarify the location of Lots #2 and #3 by deed reference.
5. It is requested that the applicant work with his neighbors to the rear of the property to ensure the removal of any dead trees, to confine any wood chip storage to the applicant's property, and to minimize debris behind the fence.

Mr. O'Neill said his client agreed to the conditions.

There was no public comment. The Board voted 4:1 to approve the motion (Joe was opposed).

Resolution 09-111, Authorizing the Township Manager to Apply for Grants

Thom moved to adopt Resolution 09-111 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for grants through the Pa Conservation Works! Recovery Grant Program to install solar panels on the Township Building. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Deer Management Groups

Thom moved to approve the following deer management groups to manage the deer herd on the following properties within the Township:

Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern PA – *Bow Tree*
Chester County Trackers - *Grand Oak & Mill Creek*
Main Line Whitetail Managers – *Supplee Valley East & West*
Tri-County Deer Management Association – *Wentworth*

The groups shall complete the required application information, including providing a copy of a current insurance certificate and hunter vehicle data as described in the Program. The Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern PA shall explain to the Township how they can improve their deer hunting efficiency as measured by hours hunted per deer, and scheduled adherence as measured by their actual schedule compared to the originally posted schedule.

Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

None.

Meetings and Dates of Importance

Marty noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Comment

John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Asked if the Township park has a restricted area for dogs. Marty said no. Joe said dogs are allowed to go anywhere within the park as long as they are leashed. Mr. Schorn recommended the Board consider putting restrictions on where dogs are permitted as a way to alleviate some of the problems with dog waste not being picked up.

Mr. Schorn asked how the Board determines when to reset the rent for the District Court. He asked if there is a mechanism built into the lease. Marty said yes, but noted the Township has asked the County to agree to a one-time adjustment over the 2% provided for in the lease agreement.

Mr. Schorn asked if there was any update on the Sunoco well issue. Joe Gill and Marty told him they have not heard anything.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Traditions Independent Living Facility in West Goshen

Mark Gordon showed the Board plans for the proposed Traditions project. The plan calls for 128 apartment units and 103 parking spaces. The main issues that East Goshen should be concerned with are stormwater and traffic flow issues. Traditions plans to detain the stormwater coming from Route 202 and then pipe it across their lot to the Greenhill basin in East Goshen. The water volume will increase but the rate cannot increase.

Joe said he would like to obtain legal and engineering input on this project. The Board agreed to use Ross Unruh as the Township's attorney for this matter.

Don said the Greenhill Homeowners' Association (HOA) should be advised to obtain legal representation since their development will be directly impacted. Carmen requested that Mark Gordon send the Greenhill HOA a letter on Wednesday. Marty said the letter should also let them know the Township will be using the services of Ross Unruh, should they wish to contact him.

Any Other Matter

Thom distributed copies of the police services agreement between East Goshen and Thornbury Township.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary