

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on, April 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Donald C. Aiken, Linda E. Lees, Edward L. Vogel, Thomas L. Franceschina and Russell R. Ford; Secretary Janet Lubbert, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief William Westerman, Township Engineer Ronald Olsen and Code Enforcement Officer Gary Peaco.

Chairman Aiken called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles McCormick

Mr. McCormick lives on Hutchman Road and asked about the possible development next to his property. Mr. Aiken suggested that he get in touch with Gary Peaco and he would answer his questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Planning Commission minutes for April 1, 2015 were approved. All were in favor.

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of April 13, 2015 were approved. All were in favor.

PLAN REVIEWS

Brickyard Park #4 Reapproval

Mr. Peaco presented the plan for Brickyard Park #4 which was approved last year and needs to be reapproved so the plan can be recorded. On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Linda E. Lees, Brickyard Park #4 was reapproved. All were in favor.

Henderson Subdivision Plan #1

Mr. Peaco presented the plan for Henderson Subdivision Plan #1 which is being done to create a second parcel for a carriage house. The plan has DEP approval. On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Henderson Subdivision Plan #1 was given preliminary and final approval. All were in favor.

Santa Plan #2

Mr. Peaco presented the plan for Santa Plan #2. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission contingent on the sewage planning module which has been approved by the DEP. On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Santa Plan #2 was approved. All were in favor.

PRD Hearing for Whitetail Meadows

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the Solicitor to advertise for the PRD hearing for Whitetail Meadows on May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and for the Supervisors meetings on May 26, 2015 with the agenda setting meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Walking Trail

Mr. Olsen reported that the SPC has budgeted \$160,000 for the study for the walking and biking trail from the park to the schools and the township would pay up to 20% of that cost. Mr. Ford asked to clarify if this \$160,000 is for the consultant and not construction. Mr. Olsen said the SPC has divided the project into two parts with the study including analysis of the signal and crossing at Route 228, right-of-way, and handicap access. The project also includes PennDOT, but he expects the cost will be less than \$160,000. The township is not committing to anything other than a study at this point. Mr. Franceschina said it should be pursued because the township wants the trail. Mr. Ford said he doesn't understand why they can't get a cost of the project now, and Mr. Olsen said that is the purpose of the study. Mr. Franceschina said they are only voting on the study and

can decide not to pursue the project after they get the cost. Mrs. Lees said she thinks the study should be done for safety of the children, and Mr. Franceschina said they have always been concerned about the cross country team running on the road. Mrs. Lees made a motion to approve the township paying 20% of the cost of the study, and Mr. Ford made a motion to table action until they got more information. Mr. Peaco said the county needs to take action next week on the project and a lot of the trail exists. Mr. Aiken asked if the school is in favor of the project, and Mr. Olsen said it is. He has been to meetings with the school district, the county and Mars Home for Youth. Mr. Franceschina seconded the motion from Mrs. Lees to approve the study. Mr. Ford abstained. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention. The secretary asked for clarification from the Solicitor on the motion from Mr. Ford, and it was put to a vote. The motion died for lacked of a second. After some additional discussion, Mr. Ford changed his vote on the motion from Mrs. Lees to no, and her motion passed with four in favor and one against. Mr. Ford again expressed his concern over the lack of information but said he is not against the project.

Appointment to Sewer Authority

Mr. Aiken noted that Larry Kaufman's term on the sewer authority ended at the end of 2014 and Mr. Peaco would like to fill that position. The Solicitor has checked and there is no problem with that. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, Gary Peaco was appointed to the sewer authority to fill the position left open at the end of 2014. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Judd

Mr. Aiken noted that Mr. Judd had asked to be on the agenda regarding a complaint but is not present. If he calls the township, he should speak with Chief Westerman.

O.Z. Enterprises

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the maintenance agreement with O.Z. Enterprises was approved. All were in favor.

Settlement Agreement

Mr. Gallagher said the township has taken code enforcement action against Lube Pro. An agreement has been reached for them to clean up the property and keep work being done inside the building or they can be fined. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the agreement with Lube Pro was approved. All were in favor.

Minutes on Website

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the minutes from the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Park & Recreation Board to be placed on the website beginning with the minutes from this meeting. All were in favor.

Purchase of Tractor

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the purchase of a tractor for the park from Turner Tractor at a cost of \$9,200.00. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Janet L. Lubbert, Secretary