

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 11, 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 and Code Enforcement Officer Gary Peaco.

Chairman Aiken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacki Smathers and Christy Pendaris

Jacki Smathers, who lives at 308 Green Lake Drive, and Christy Pendaris, who lives at 144 Old Route 8 South, addressed the Supervisors regarding the availability of handicap bathrooms in the park and the possibility of having bathrooms open all of the time. After considerable discussion regarding the location of handicap accessible portable units and the additional cost of having the bathrooms located in the pavilions open during the day, the Supervisors said that additional portable units have been ordered and they will discuss having the other bathrooms open. Ms. Pendaris distributed some information to the Supervisors and noted some issues being discussed on social media regarding the park. The Supervisors addressed the issue of the baseball association being charged for Opening Day. The baseball association will be reimbursed for those fees and will not be charged for Opening Day going forward, and the Supervisors will set up a meeting with the baseball association to discuss the other issues. The use of social media for commenting on park issues was discussed, and the Supervisors asked that people check their facts before posting on social media and address Supervisors directly with their concerns. Mr. Aiken noted that Ms. Pendaris is from Middlesex Township and they usually do not allow residents of other townships to speak, and the Solicitor confirmed that and suggested it be put on social media that she had been allowed to comment.

PARK AND RECREATION

Jacki Smathers addressed the Board on questions from the Park and Recreation Board. She asked about the status of a park director. Mrs. Lees said it is in the budget for a part-time person. Mr. Aiken said they need to know what they are looking for, and Mrs. Lees suggested they submit a job description. Ms. Smathers asked about the use of the schoolhouse. Mr. Aiken and Mr. Franceschina said it may be used for small meetings like scouts. Mrs. Lees noted they need to make it handicap accessible, and Mr. Vogel said the building should be completed in a couple of months. Ms. Smathers asked about the ice skating rink and said they would rather have it just be a skating rink so it's not used by sports clubs. Mr. Ford said they want to get the most use out of it that they can for the cost. Ms. Smathers asked about an outdoor exercise equipment area, but they don't know where it would be located. Mr. Franceschina suggested they get pricing and give it to Corry Harley. Ms. Smathers asked about having semi-annual meetings with the Supervisors and they agreed to that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2015 were approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Public Works Department Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Code Enforcement Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Engineer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported he had attended meetings for the Supervisors and Planning Commission, worked on projects and reviewed contracts as directed and undertook litigation as needed. On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Solicitor's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina, the Animal Control Officer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

POLICE REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Police Chief's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report and Payment of Invoices

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Treasurer's Report for April was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$154,852.84. All were in favor.

Transfers of Funds

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the following transfers were approved. All were in favor.

- \$150,000.00 from General Fund Checking to General Fund Money Market
- \$21,900.00 from Capital Reserve Money Market to Capital Reserve Checking
- \$27,800.00 from Park Fund Money Market to Park Fund Checking

Closing of Security Deposit Account

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given to close the passbook savings account for rental property security deposit and transfer the funds to the General Fund Checking. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitetail Meadows PRD Hearing

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Linda E. Lees, approval was given for the time of the PRD hearing on Whitetail Meadows to be changed to 7:30 p.m. on May 26, 2015. All were in favor.

Second Supervisors Meeting in May

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given to cancel the May 25, 2105 Board of Supervisors meeting. All were in favor.

Agreement with County for Park

The secretary reported that the township had been approved by Butler County for the park renovation grant with the county paying \$7,500.00 and the township paying \$2,500.00. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for Mr. Aiken to sign the agreement with the county. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Copier for Police Department

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given to enter into a lease agreement with Precision Copier for three years for a photocopier for the police department at a cost of \$130.00 per month. All were in favor.

Bond Release - Morlino, LLC

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, a bond release for Morlino, LLC for Family Entertainment Center in the amount of \$50,658.90 was approved as recommended by the township engineer. All were in favor.

Tractor for Park

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the Kubota tractor that is being purchased for the park be purchased at a cost of \$9,500.00 instead of the \$9,200.00 previously approved. All were in favor.

Fire Department Fund Raiser

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given for the fire department to use the property at 645 Route 228 for fund raising activities. All were in favor.

Refund to Mars Baseball Association

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, approval was given to refund \$225 to the baseball association for fees for Opening Day. All were in favor.

War Memorial Ceremony

Mr. Franceschina noted that there would be a ceremony at the war memorial in the park on May 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Leveler for Loader

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given for a leveler for the new loader at a cost of \$4,200.00. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Janet L. Lubbert, Secretary