

MINUTES

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP 520 PARK DRIVE BOILING SPRINGS, PA. 17007

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

PRESENT: BRYAN GEMBUSIA, TOM FALEY, RICK REIGHARD, RON HAMILTON, DUFF MANWEILER (absent) - SUPERVISORS, Cory Adams – Manager, Jarrett Sweeney – Assistant Manager, Tim Duerr – Zoning Officer, Sandy Quickel – Recording Secretary, Bryan Salzmann – Solicitor, Bony Dawood, Elizabeth Eaken, Carol Shetter, Michael Coyle, John Benoit, Doug & Helen Gale, Mark Eyer, Bill & Cathy Reisinger, Jim Hoerner, Jeramy Nearhad, John Weidner, Jerry & Velma Miller, Phyllis Zimmerman – “The Sentinel”.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gembusia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Gembusia.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gembusia announced that the meeting is recorded and to turn off cellular phones.

MINUTES: 02/14/19 (Reorganization Meeting):

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Elizabeth Eaken, 29 Appalachian Trail Road, commented on how narrow the road is and has no outlet. She said trash trucks can't get back to the properties. Also, the street sign needs replaced. Ms. Eaken claims the Township has oil and chipped the road several years ago and filled in the potholes. However, she claimed that a larger snowplow plowed the road and tore up the road last year. Ms. Eaken also commented on 28 Appalachian Trail Road. The owners have needed a new septic system for years. Tim stated that the Township has talked to Vince Elbel (SMT SEO) on this issue. The contractor has half of the money and is ready to begin the work once the weather is good. Ms. Eaken discussed the cost of the trash tags. She said you get less tags, but pay more money. Twelve tags cost \$142.44 instead of 18 tags for \$72.00. She feels the tag customers are being forced to change to the cart system. Cory explained the bid results/costs.

Doug Gale, 31 Derbyshire Drive, said he received his new trash cart and said that glass is still recyclable.

John Weidner, 323 Zion Road, said he never received a letter from Advanced Disposal that new carts will be delivered.

Velma Miller, 34 Fairview Street, said she didn't know the trash carts were being replaced.

Carol Shetter, 647 Gutshall Road, stated that Advanced Disposal truck drivers are great – they even brought her trash cart up to her house.

Mark Eyer, 283 Tanger Road, said that the road crew is salting the icy area at Mountain Road and Petersburg Road, but the issue is still not resolved. He said that the reflector signs are in the mud and a 2 foot wide hole opened up. Cory said he spoke with the Cumberland County Conservation District on this issue, but cannot fix it until spring.

Bony Dawood, Dawood Associates, gave an update on the York-Trindle Connector Road project. The developer is working with Penn DOT on the Highway Occupancy Permit. There will be widening, turning lanes, etc along Trindle Road and York Road. The permit for the York Road intersection will be issued first. The DCED funds must be spent this year. A meeting will be held with Penn DOT to discuss their funding. Bryan G. said he is glad the time clock hasn't started yet as far as when the grant money expires. Mr. Dawood stated that he is not privy to the information on the sheriff sale. He said that right-of-ways are in place in order to build the road, and that the funds are also in place. Rick asked how the road can be protected from other contractor's possible damage. Tim replied that the project will be bonded. Mr. Dawood said that the road will be built to the specs for an urban collector road and access will be limited on both ends. Mr. Gale asked if the financing will be separate. Mr. Dawood replied yes.

Bony Dawood was present for two items on Tim's report.

- 1) The applicant for the Akash Patel & Associates (1501 Commerce Ave) plan is granting a time extension until April 30, 2019 for action by the Board. Rick made a motion to approve the time extension as requested. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.
- 2) The applicant for the Parkview Phase 3 (#20180018) has requested reapproval of the plan. Ron made a motion to reapprove the plan. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

ORDINANCE #2019-02 (Heritage Tree Program) – Public Hearing:

Chairman Gembusia opened the hearing. Rick explained that the ordinance will identify and promote the preservation and protection of heritage trees. Tom added that property owners may preserve such trees on a voluntarily basis. If a tree is approved for the heritage tree program, a plaque/sign may be placed on the property. There was no public input. The hearing was closed. Tom made a motion to approve Ordinance #2019-02. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

RECREATION REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Tom commented on the issue at Seven Gables Park. The Township is widening the trails at the park to allow the State Police to access the park in order to patrol the area. Rick added that the trails are for the State Police to use. Other vehicles are not permitted on the trails.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

There was no report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

There was no report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Tim's items were covered under public input.

MANAGER REPORT:

Penn DOT is requiring applying an escalator clause to a contract (when using Liquid Fuels) for certain road paving projects. Ron made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-06 approving the escalator clause. Tom seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

The Foundry Day Committee has requested closure of and no-parking certain streets for Foundry Day on June 1, 2019. Rick made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-07 approving the Foundry Day event and closing the requested streets and parking restrictions. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

Tom made a motion to approve the updated Organization Chart. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

The State of the Township Report was emailed to the Board.

The January 2019 State Police Arrest Report was submitted.

Cory requested an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss real estate.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Thelma Miller, 34 Fairview Street, commented about the vacant property next to her. She said debris has blown over into her yard due to windy conditions. Cory told her to contact the police for the debris in the yard. He said the Township is trying to track down the bank that owns the property. Cory said that the Township is working on the blight issue with this property. Bryan G. suggested taking photos of the property. The Township has photos of this property.

SUPERVISORS DISCUSSION:

Ron pointed out that daylight savings time begins on March 10, 2019.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Rick made a motion to pay the bills. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

Rick made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:52 pm. Tom seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0. The topic of discussion is real estate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

WITNESS:

Sandra A. Quickel, Secretary

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