

SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 6th, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Spring Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Frank Royer, Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisors: Terry Perryman, David Capperella & Frank Royer
Solicitor: Tracey Benson – Miller, Kistler, Campbell
Township Manager: William MacMath
Zoning Officer: Vaughn Zimmerman
Guests: Attendance sheet attached to original minutes

OPEN PAVING BIDS:

The following bids were received. Bids were opened by William MacMath, Manager and read by David Capperella, Supervisor.

New Enterprise -	\$54,479.20
HRI, Inc. -	\$45,966.00
G.O.H., Inc. -	\$53,791.55
Glenn Johnston -	\$56,115.00

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to award to the apparent low bidder, HRI, Inc., pending review of paperwork, and in the best interest of Spring Township. Unanimously approved motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

No requests.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF MARCH 2nd, 2009:

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to accept the Minutes of March 2nd, 2009 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

REPORTS ON OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES:

The following reports were submitted to The Board of Supervisors and are on file for review.

- Township Treasurers Report – Submitted by Molly Baird
- Water Authority Treasurers Report – Submitted by Molly Baird
- Police Report – Submitted by Greer Perryman
- Municipal Employees Report – Submitted by Gary Royer
- Code Enforcement Report – Submitted by Vaughn Zimmerman
- Sewer Enforcement Report – No Report
- Fire Company Report – Submitted by Gary Royer

- Ambulance Report – Submitted by Gary Royer

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to accept the above reports as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Trash & Recycling – William MacMath, Manager, reported he has discussed the possibility of Regional Trash & Recycling with the following haulers to get their opinions on if they would be interested in bidding:

- 1). Newman Hill – No Interest.
- 2). Carson’s – No Interest, but if it were to go to bid they would submit a bid.
- 3). Viola – Yes – If bid, They would offer same cost as Centre Region - \$44/Qtr.

Mr. MacMath, Manager, also reported Benner Township is negotiating with Centre Region or possibly going in on a package with Walker Township.

Frank Royer, Chairman, remarked “If we don’t go to bid, we have a development that consists of two different townships which could cause a problem because Walker Township is going to bid.” Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, reported his problem is when you call a hauler and go to cancel your service, they will drop the amount you are paying instantly. Therefore, if they can afford to drop the cost if you go to cancel, they should be able to lower the cost now. Mr. Royer reported the Township would make approximately \$10,000 a year and the residents would save approximately a quarter’s worth of sewer which is \$65 a year. David Capperella, Supervisor, questioned how many haulers are there now to consider. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported three (3).

Ted Onufrak, CCSWA, reported if Viola would get the contract, then the other two haulers will raise their prices to make up for the loss of customers. Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned how many homes are in Spring Township. Mr. MacMath, Manager, reported approximately 2,900. Mr. Perryman questioned if the Township were to go to bid, do they have the right to reject. Tracey Benson, Solicitor, reported yes, the Township can reject any bids if they feel costs are to high etc. David Capperella, Supervisor, commented “If Benner and Walker go with the Centre Region it’s putting the little guy out of business essentially.” Mr. Perryman questioned if the Township has approximately 2,900 homes, why are only 1,700 having trash collected? Mr. MacMath, Manager reported the exact amount is not known because the haulers do not provide their customer lists. However, it is known that not every resident has a hauler.

It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by Terry Perryman to bid the Trash and Recycling with the right to withdraw. David Capperella opposed. On a vote of two to 1 motion carried. David Capperella opposed.

Pension Plans – David Capperella, Supervisor, reported he asked that this be on the agenda to discuss and keep it on the burner. William MacMath, Manager, suggested a committee be formed to look at options and to meet with the brokers and managers. Supervisors agreed. No further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Saddle Creek Preliminary Subdivision Plan – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported S & A Homes proposes to subdivide 44.429 acres of ground along Axemann Road into a residential subdivision. When completed, this development could have a total of 90 residential units, a combination of single family homes and quadplex units. This plan was submitted under the previous zoning ordinance, and thus follows the former R-2 Land Conservation standards. Under these standards, a maximum of 111 units could be planned for on this ground. This plan does allocate 20% of ground to open space as required by ordinance. However, none of this ground qualifies for parkland by the ordinance. The developer requests that a fee-in-lieu be approved due to the lack of acceptable parkland. At this time, there are only three outstanding comments from Spring Township and Centre County review. Don Franson, Engineer, recommends approval of this plan once remaining comments have been addressed. PennDOT has not at this time granted approval of the traffic study for this development. E & S and component 3 Planning Modules for sewer will be addressed at the final plan stages.

S & A Homes has requested a waiver to the minimum cul-de-sac length on Breckenridge Circle. Don Franson, Engineer, has no objection to the granting of this waiver as the street length still meets the minimum requirements for granting of PennDOT liquid fuels reimbursements. The Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve this waiver at their meeting on February 23, 2009.

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to grant conditional approval of the Saddle Creek Preliminary Subdivision Plan, dated October 25, 2006, last revised February 11, 2009. Conditions of approval being completion of comments issued by Spring Township in a letter dated February 12, 2009, completion of comments issued by Don Franson in a letter dated February 14, 2009 and approval of traffic study by PennDOT. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Bridleridge Preliminary Subdivision Plan - Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported S & A Homes proposed to subdivide 172.151 acres of ground along Axemann Road into a residential subdivision. When completed, this development could have a total of 619 residential units, primarily a combination of single family homes and townhouses. This plan was originally submitted under the previous zoning ordinance and uses the R-3 Land Conservation standards from that ordinance. A minimum of 20% open space has been allocated which permits a density of 3.8 units per acre (654 possible total units).

This development does not meet all standards of the Spring Township Parkland Ordinance. S & A is requesting a waiver to the parkland slope requirements for proposed parkland in what is shown as Phase 9. Considering the proposed development shown for this possible parkland, Spring Township staff has no objection to granting this waiver. Upon review, Don Franson has indicated that he has no objection to granting this waiver provide that this area is developed in a parkland fashion similar to what is shown on the preliminary plan. Section 805.D(4) of the Spring Township Zoning Ordinance does permit slopes greater than that required by the Parkland Ordinance with approval of the Board of Supervisors. The Spring Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Spring Township Supervisors approve this waiver request. A lot consolidation plan is currently under review to consolidate the two parcels of ground which will make up this development. At this time, the plan has not been approved or recorded. At this time, this plan meets almost all requirements of the Spring

Township Subdivision Ordinance and the previous Spring Township Zoning Ordinance. In a review letter dated February 14, 2009, Don Franson has indicated that he has no objection to granting approval of this plan. PennDOT has not granted approval of the traffic study at this time. E & S and Component 3 Planning Modules for sewer requirements will be addressed upon submission of final plan phases. Spring Township Planning Commission recommended conditional approval at their meeting on February 23, 2009. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to grant approval of the waiver request dated February 11, 2009 to Section 805.D.4 of the Spring Township Zoning Ordinance. Unanimously approved motion carried.

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to grand conditional approval of the Bridleridge Preliminary Subdivision Plan, dated November 22, 2006, last revised February 11, 2009. Conditions of approval to be completion of remaining comment issued by Spring Township in a letter dated February 12, 2009, completion of comments by Don Franson, Engineer, in a letter dated February 14, 2009 and completion and recording of a lot consolidation plan and approval of traffic study by PennDOT. Conditions of approval are to be met within one year of granting of conditional approval by the Spring Township Board of Supervisors or this plan shall be deemed denied. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Request from Central PA Fireworks Inc. - William MacMath, Manager, reported a request from Central PA Fireworks Inc. was received regarding a class they wish to hold on May 2nd. Class is for training and will be held in Spring Township. Two years ago there was training done and they provided a Certificate of Insurance. The Boalsburg Fire Company will be on standby during the class. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Terry Perryman to approve the request. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Promotions – Sergeant & Detective Positions – William MacMath, Manager, reported he met with Frank Royer, Chairman, David King, Chief, and the two candidates one for Sergeant and one for Detective. It is recommended that Mike Danneker be promoted to Sergeant at a rate increase of 3.5% and Dale Moore be promoted to Detective at a rate increase of 1.5%. Both positions hold a 1 year probation. Both candidates fully understand the job descriptions and the associated job responsibility. It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the promotions as stated. Unanimously approved motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION:

Walker Township – Rededication Ceremony & Community Day Celebration – 5/16/09 - William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from Walker Township inviting the Supervisors to attend their Rededication Ceremony and Community Day Celebration on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Event is to honor a member of their community, Lt. Jonas M. Panik, who was lost in the tragic day of September 11, 2001.

ClearWater Conservancy – Annual Watershed Cleanup Day – 4/25/09 – William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from ClearWater Conservancy announcing their 13th annual Watershed Cleanup Day to be held on April 25, 2009. Volunteers are welcome and needed if anyone is interested.

Paving Project – Route 26 to Zion – William MacMath, Manager, reported Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. will be paving from the Uni-Mart in Pleasant Gap, Route 26 to the Uni-Mart located in Zion on Route 26. Project to begin April 13th.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 02-09 – Approval of Zoning Amendments – It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve Ordinance 02-09 Zoning Amendments as stated at the Public Hearing held prior to the meeting. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Sign Ordinance Amendments – It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to refer the Sign Ordinance Amendments back to the Planning Commission for review. Unanimously approved motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

William MacMath, Manager, reported on the following correspondence received:

Growmark – Letter received notifying Spring Township that Growmark will be submitting a final report to DEP for the Pleasant Gap Crop Center located at 552 Fiedler Road. Report is for compliance with the Statewide Health and Site Specific cleanup standards. – Information only.

Comcast – Letter received advising the status of the carriage of the NFL Network.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. – Notification letter received for information purposes notifying Spring Township they have applied for DEP General Permits for their Plants 1 and 2, Pleasant Gap Facility. Also letter received regarding Gilltown Road Privatization.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

It was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to approve the bills for the month of March 2009 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

- 1). David King, Chief – Burglaries

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Terry Perryman seconded by David Capperella to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird
Recording Secretary

