

**SPRING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**March 3, 2008**  
**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. Mr. Royer turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman, Terry Perryman, due to not being able to see properly because of eye treatments.

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

**HEARING OF VISITORS:**

No requests to be on agenda.

William MacMath, Manager, introduced Jordon Confer who was in attendance. Jordon is a college student taking a class that he has to attend several hours of governmental meetings. Jordon attended the Planning Commission Meeting, Water Authority Meeting and now the Supervisors Meeting. The Board welcomed Jordon.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008:**

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to accept the Minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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 David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to accept the above reports as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Frank Royer questioned Road Foreman, Gary Royer, about the pipe that sticks up at the entrance to Steeplechase, if it is water or sewer. Gary reported it is water, and it's been there but

seems to be sticking up more than it use to. Frank reported it needs to be lowered so the plow trucks do not continue to hit it. Gary will check on it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Schedule Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments** – William MacMath, Manager, reported the Planning Commission has completed their study on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and have made their recommendations to the Board. In a nut shell, they do not recommend rezoning The Grove Farm and have worked with Mike Glass to fine tune the traditional neighborhood development and recommend certain changes. A Public Hearing will need to be held. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to set the Public Hearing for 6:00 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Act 537 Update – Musser Hill Subdivision** – William MacMath, Manager, reported twenty years ago the Township approved this 12 Lot Subdivision without a Sewage Planning Module being approved. Consequently six lots were sold and the people could not build. In talking with DEP, there are new technologies that they will approve and have told the Township to do an update of Act 537. Mr. MacMath recommend contacting SBWJA to coordinate. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to proceed with the Act 537 Update in order to allow for the new technology. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Spring Creek Canyon Master Plan Advisory Committee** – William MacMath, Manager, reported Benner Township is asking the Township to appoint two people to this committee. They would like to invite each of the municipalities located in the Spring Creek Watershed the opportunity to appoint two residents from each municipality to set on the Spring Creek Canyon Master Plan Public Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will conduct public meetings to gain an understanding of local community needs and desires, consider recreational activities, seek assistance from the Technical Advisory Committee, and develop recommendations to be considered for the Master Plan. After brief discussion the Supervisors declined to participate.

**Pleasant Gap Food Bank** – William MacMath, Manager, reported he received a request for money for the Food Bank. The Township donated \$300 in 2006, but nothing in 2007 because no request was received until now. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve donating \$300 as in the past. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Luckovich Estate 2 Lot Subdivision** – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, explained the plans and reported the Verna Luckovich Estate proposes to subdivide tax parcel 13-1A-23 into two separate lots. The newly created lot will be located entirely within Bellefonte Borough. This plan also consolidates the residue of one tract and a small lot addition tract that has always been assessed with tax parcel 13-1A-23 but has never been consolidated by deed until this time. At this time, all comments by Spring Township and Centre County Planning Office have been addressed. Spring Township was previously granted a 90-day time extension for this plan on December 12, 2007, due to the need to also seek Bellefonte Borough approval. Spring Township Planning Commission has voted unanimously at their meeting on 2/25/08 to recommend approval of the plan as submitted. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to

grant approval of the Preliminary/Final Plan of the Verna Luckovich Estate 2 Lot Subdivision and Lot Consolidation, plan dated August 3, 2007, last revised November 17, 2007. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Prel./Final Subdivision Plan – Brockerhoff Heights II Phase 4** – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, explained plans and reported Gary Wilt and Brockerhoff Acquisition Group seek to subdivide Phase 4 of the Brockerhoff Heights II development, creating 4 new house lots and revising lot 7R from a previous phase. Lot 7R has never been developed and will be reduced in size as part of this plan. A Homeowners association will at this time be established and begin operation, and stormwater facilities in this phase will be deeded to the homeowners association for maintenance. At this time, all comments by Spring Township, Centre County Planning Office and Don Franson have been addressed. A planning exemption has been approved by DEP for 4 EDU's needed for sewer service, and water service has been approved by Bellefonte Borough for this subdivision. The Spring Township Planning Commission has voted unanimously at their meeting on 2/25/08 to recommend approval of the plan as presented.

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned if the water situation has been addressed after hard rains? Gary Royer, Road Foreman, reported since the pipe and drain were installed years ago it has helped with the run-off, but feels some of the problem is the swales in the driveways are not put in correctly to accommodate the heavy rains. William MacMath, Manager, reported the berms still wash out some but not like it use to. Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported with all new plans, he can make sure swales are put in correctly etc. William MacMath, Manager, reported he and Gary will look at during heavy rains. Mr. Perryman reported the water problem needs addressed by someone. Each time there is a storm, the Road Crew has to go clean up all the wash outs of the berms. David Capperella, Supervisor, questioned if there would be a problem with the driveways at the intersection of Kathryn Drive. Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Don Franson, Engineer, has reviewed the plans and has no problem.

It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by Terry Perryman to table to 30 days until more detail is received. David Capperella opposed. Motion carried.

**Prel./Final Land Development Plan for F.T. Silfies Operation Center** – Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported John Koltay and F.T. Silfies seek to construct an operations center for the F.T. Silfies Trucking Company on the combined Lots 14 and 15 of the Penn Eagle Industrial Park. The plan will consist of parking for trucks, dispatch center and a building for minor maintenance of trucks. Also included in this plan is a lot consolidation plan. This lot consolidation is reviewed at the staff level and there are no outstanding comments on this portion of the plan. This proposal was previously recommended for approval as a conditional use by the Spring Township Planning Commission and later approved by the Spring Township Board of Supervisors. Four (4) additional conditions were applied to this conditional use approval which will be met during the land development process. At this time, only minor comments remain from Spring Township and Centre County Planning Office review. Don Franson, Engineer, recommends approval of this plan as presented, with no outstanding comments. Spring Township Planning Commission has recommended approval of this plan as presented at their meeting on 2/25/08.

Terry Perryman questioned what the conditions were. Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, stated they are only little things that he would like to see listed on the plan, nothing major. It was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to grant conditional approval of the Preliminary Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan for the F.T. Silfies Operation Center, plan dated July 30, 2007, last revised February 12, 2008. Conditions of approval being completion of comments in a review letter issued by Spring Township on February 14, 2008. Unanimously approved motion carried. David Capperella, Supervisor, requested that in the future a list of conditions should be included.

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**Watershed Clean-Up Day – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - William MacMath, Manager, reported a letter was received from the ClearWater Conservancy asking for volunteers to help out with Clean-Up Day scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to help out should contact the ClearWater Conservancy office at 237-0400.

#### **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

**SBWJA Resolution No. 02-2008 – Amendment to Articles of Incorporation** – William MacMath, Manager, reported Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) is in the process of taking out a bond issue for re-investment of projects and including new upcoming projects. The bonding company is requiring SBWJA extend the life of the Authority since when originally set it stated the term of existence of the Authority shall be for a period ending December 31, 2032. The amendment will be the term of existence shall be for a period ending March 1, 2058. David Capperella, Supervisor, reported he was not prepared to vote because he has a problem with how authorities are structured. Also questioned if Benner and Walker Township's are happy with essentially doubling the life of the Authority. William MacMath, Manager, reported Benner and Walker will also be acting on the resolutions this month at their meeting. Tracey Benson, Solicitor, explained the legalities of extending the existence and why it is needed for bond issues. After some discussion, it was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to approve Resolution No. 02-2008 Amending the Articles of Incorporation for SBWJA. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Luckovich Estate Planning Module** - Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer, reported Spring Township staff elected to defer the Planning Module approve to Bellefonte Borough, as the new lot will be located fully within their jurisdiction. However, D.E.P. has required both Spring Township and Bellefonte Borough to approve the Planning Module for this subdivision. It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to grant approval of the Component 3 Planning Module for the Preliminary/Final Plan of the Verna Luckovich Estate 2 Lot Subdivision and Lot Consolidation, plan dated August 3, 2007, last revised November 17, 2007. Unanimously approved motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

William MacMath reported on the following correspondence received.

**Public Utility Commission** - Letter received to advise that a final inspection will be held at the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority at the White Rock Quarry Track on Thursday,

March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. If anyone is seeking reimbursement for any costs incurred by the project, the Commission must be notified in writing within twenty (20) days. Information only.

**Bellefonte Soccer Association** – Letter received thanking Spring Township for allowing the Bellefonte Soccer Association to use the fields this year for Soccer.

**Nittany Engineering & Associates** – A copy of a letter was received from Nittany Engineering & Associates that was sent to DEP regarding the Bellefonte Borough – Spring Creek Relief Interceptor Hydraulic Overload Re-designation. Information only.

**PSATS News Bulletin** – Newsletter received from PSATS regarding the Updated Open Records Act. PSATS will be providing townships with more information on the new law in the near future. Information only.

**Public Utility Commission** – Notification received regarding an application of the Dept. of Transportation for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing by the installation of new flashing lights and removal of one siding track where SR 3006, Section R52 (Upper Coleville Road) crosses a double track of the Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad in Spring Township. Information only.

#### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

It was on a motion of David Capperella seconded by Frank Royer to approve the bills for the month of February 2008 as submitted for the General Fund Account, Street Light Account, and the State Fund Account. Unanimously approved motion carried.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

Terry Perryman, Vice-Chairman, questioned Gary Royer, Road Foreman, on the salt situation. Gary Royer, reported they have been only using on main roads and not on side streets in order to try to make it last until the end of the season. William MacMath, Manager, stated there are other townships through-out the state in the same situation, low on salt. Mr. MacMath also reported he and Gary, Road Foreman, estimated the amount as per past usage of the past five years but apparently it was not enough, which is always a guess because you never know what the weather will be. No further discussion.

#### **ADJOURN:**

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Frank Royer seconded by David Capperella to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Molly Baird**  
**Recording Secretary**

