

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman David R. Nyman. Also present was Vice-Chairman John R. Cressman, Supervisor Gary W. Volovnik as well as Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer, and Solicitor John B. Rice, Esquire, and Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., as well as members of the press and public.

Item #1. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the August 12, 2008 Work Session Minutes were **approved 3-0**.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

Mr. Cressman moved to approve the Bill List totaling \$31,838.39 dated September 9, 2009. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Public Comment Period #1: Mr. Charles Turley of Greenleaf Circle was present to follow up a previous discussion and a newsletter article about East Rockhill's efforts to grant funding to retrofit a detention basin. Mr. Turley is still concerned about potential increases in mosquitoes as well as the depth of the basin and how much water will pond. Township Engineer Wynn reiterated that wetland basins have been used in other communities and are recommended by DEP. He indicated that he was not aware of problems relating to increases in mosquitoes and that studies have indicated that the types of insects attracted to the plants in these basins keep the mosquito population down. Mr. Turley also wanted to know what kind of maintenance would be provided. Mr. Funk explained that the wetlands vegetation would be cut back once a year and that they would perform monthly inspections.

Mr. Turley wanted to know why this basin was chosen and why now? The Board advised Mr. Turley that the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee, of which East Rockhill Township is a member, did a study recommending the retrofitting of the existing old school basins. PACC received funding to move forward with a retrofit project and chose a site in West Rockhill Township. East Rockhill Township decided that the timing was good to apply for grant funding for one of its basins and chose this one. The project will not move forward unless the grant funding is received.

Item #3. Manager's Report:

Bucks County Planning Commission proposal for Open Space Plan Update- By **motion** of Gary Volovnik and **second** by John Cressman, the Board **unanimously** approved a

BCPC proposal to update the Township's Open Space Plan for a cost of \$5,500. The cost is refundable with Bucks County Open Space Grant funds.

Bridge and Highway Plans for the 145th District. Representative Paul Clymer asked the Township to provide them with a list of priority bridge repairs for which to request State funding. The Board provided Mrs. Klepfer with a list of bridges and what they felt should be prioritized.

MS4 Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Membership: By **motion** of John Cressman and **second** by Gary Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** authorized the MS4 Program Membership to the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy at a cost of \$250.00.

Budget Schedule: Mrs. Klepfer asked the Board for a meeting to review the draft 2009 Budget and get direction from the Board with regard to policy decisions. The Board suggested October 7th or 14th but advised that they would need to check their calendars and confirm with her.

Green Jackets: The Pennridge Green Jakets Football Association are interested in grading the practice fields to create additional formal playing fields. Their proposal included grading work to create additional parking spaces in the area where the Township currently stockpiles materials. Mr. Joe represented the Green Jackets. He described the project to the Board. The Board was not opposed to the idea but voiced questions and concerns about whether or not the additional facilities would create more traffic, noise and parking problems. The Board was in favor of the additional parking proposed however the Township Engineer advised the Board that an Stormwater Management permit from the Township and an NPDES Permit in addition to E&S approvals from the Bucks County Conservation District would be necessary. He also cautioned that the Township has an open NPDES permit for the same property and that any additional permits would need to be coordinate through his office. Mrs. Klepfer also advised the Board that the current lease with the Green Jackets expires in 2010 and that before any additional facilities are approved, the terms of the lease should be reviewed and revised. The Board advised that the first step would be to get an engineered plan prepared for review and coordination of permits.

Airport Border Tree Obstructions: The Airport has requested the Township remove or decrease in size trees growing in Markey Park along the border with the airport. The Airport alleges that they have been determined to be runway obstructions and will interfere with new runway navigational systems they are installing. Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that she met with Jean Curry, the Manager for the Pennridge Airport and has requested the Township Solicitor to review the Airport Act. The Board advised that if the trees must be cut down they want the airport to install a new buffer.

Item #4. Public Works Report: Steve Funk reported that the newly installed Street Lights at Schoolhouse Road and Ridge Road and at Campus Drive at the 5th Street are now operational. He also reported that his crew has been busy patching Muskrat Road and mowing as needed. He plans on completing the paving of the Markey Park entrance

shortly. Mr. Funk also reported that the Township NPDES permit for the waste water treatment plant was renewed and the plant was spot inspected today by both DEP and Bucks County. The inspections went well.

Item #5. PWTA Report:

Mr. Cressman reported there was a very short meeting and he didn't have anything to report.

Item #6. Solicitor's Report:

Conditional Use Application: A conditional use application for Metro PCS to install another antennae on an existing Cell Tower has been submitted. The Board asked Mr. Rice to Schedule it for 7:15 on October 21st, 2009.

S1-Zoning District Ordinance: Mr. Rice reported that he was contacted by the applicant for the McClennan property and they have requested a staff meeting to share their comments and ask their questions about the most recent draft of the S1-Zoning Ordinance. The Township Engineer completed a tree survey of the property and there is a 12 acre discrepancy between what the applicant is referring to as woodlands and what the engineer determined.

Perkasie Borough Authority: Solicitor Rice reported that he is making revisions to the draft agreement that PBA submitted to the Township regarding the proposed Cedar View Water Extension project.

Mr. Rice will review the sample Drought Ordinance submitted by PBA and informed the Board that he did a similar Ordinance for another client and will likely use that as a model for an East Rockhill Township Ordinance.

Mr. Rice also advised that the Conservation Easement Agreement and Water District Ordinance will be ready for consideration soon as well. They are currently still being reviewed by Perkasie Borough Authority counsel.

Fireworks Ordinance a final draft will be ready for the Regular Meeting for the Board to consider advertising.

Pennridge High School Turf Field Development Agreements and Record Plans are ready for the Board to execute.

Item #7. Engineer's Report: Mr. Wynn advised the Board that his office has performed an inspection of the Crest View Subdivision Site and will make recommendations to the Board at the Regular Meeting regarding finding the developer in default of the Developer's Agreement.

Item #8 PACC Report – Mr. Nyman will have a report next month.

Item #9. Other Business:

Mr. Cressman asked about a complaint about a Township resident cutting down trees in the required buffer yard. Mrs. Klepfer said she is aware of the complaint and Zoning Officer Michael Gardner is working to ensure that the Township Buffer requirements are satisfied.

Also a resident called to complain that vehicles, presumably high school athletes are ignoring the "one way" designation on Blooming Glen Road and are accessing the parking lot for the athletic fields from the wrong direction. The resident also complained about cars parked all over the place and causing sight distance problems on Arrowhead Drive for residents exiting their driveways. Anne Fenley mentioned that Central Bucks Bus #167 was parked on top of the walking path and when she pointed it out to the driver, she was told to go around.

Mrs. Klepfer will contact the school to alert them to the Township concern for the safety of everyone and the advise them to let bus drivers know they are not to block the walking path.

Public Comment Period #2 – Mr. Charles Turley told the Board that he doesn't feel the street light at Campus and 5th does anything productive. He feels that the main problem is during the day when headlights aren't able to warn motorists of approaching vehicles.

Item #9. Adjournment:

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded**, to adjourn the meeting into a Real Estate Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary / Manager

Approved: _____