

**MINUTES OF THE  
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**April 15, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David Nyman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Vice Chairman John Cressman, Supervisor Gary Volovnik, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Esquire, Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public.

**Item #1          Approval of Minutes**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the minutes of March 18, 2008 were approved **unanimously**.

**Item #2          Payment of Bills**

Mr. Volovnik **moved** to approve payment of the bills list dated April 15, 2008 totaling \$173,137.54, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

**Public Comment I –**

Mr. Weber of Blooming Glen Road informed the Board that the amount of traffic proceeding the wrong way on Blooming Glen Road is not as bad as it was following the bridge reopening, however it is worse on weekends. He counted three motorcycles and two cars going the wrong way this past Saturday. He suggested an additional Do Not Enter Sign on the left side of the Road and another No Outlet sign at the shopping Center entrance. He also commented that vehicles coming over the bridge and turning into the shopping center are using the wrong side of the road once they get to the two way traffic demarcation. Perhaps a Two Way Traffic Ahead sign is needed. Mrs. Klepfer suggested the Township could have the double yellow line repainted when the line painting gets done.

It was also suggested that Mrs. Klepfer have Perkasio Borough request PennDot re-examine the timing of the traffic signal at that intersection now that there is a new traffic pattern.

**Item #3          Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer**

Growing Greener Plus Grant: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously approved** authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute a Growing Greener Plus grant application for funds to retrofit the 5<sup>th</sup> Street detention basin.

Callowhill and Branch Road at Main Street: Mrs. Klepfer announced that PennDot approved Perkasio Borough's request for warrants to install a four-way stop at Callowhill and Main Street. She noted that a PennDot crew was installing the new signs today.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Manager's Report was **unanimously approved**.

**Item #4: Planning Commission Report** – Anne Fenley reported that five plans were discussed and preliminary plan approval was recommended for the Village at East Rockhill Plan and the Township Five Acre Subdivision Plan.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Planning Commission Report was **unanimously approved**.

**Item #5 PWTA Report** – Mr. Cressman summarized the minutes from the March PWTA Meeting and reported that Audit Report is still pending due to missing information pertaining to the Retirement Plan.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, the Board **approved** the PWTA Report **3-0**.

**Item #6: Engineer's Report-** C. Robert Wynn, P.E.

Buck Subdivision Plan, 10 lots fronting on Richlandtown Road: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Buck Subdivision plan was **unanimously** granted preliminary plan approval subject to the C. Robert Wynn Letter of January 7, 2008, the BCPC letter dated February 7, 2008, agreed upon fees, a reforestation plan satisfactory to the Township in accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the execution of shared driveway agreements.

The Village at East Rockhill (Gulla), Route 313 and 5<sup>th</sup> Street:

Cheryleen Strothers of Cowan Associates was present representing Mr. Tim Gulla who was also present. Ms. Strothers indicated that the water resources impact study will be completed prior to final plan approval, the applicant has agreed to reduce lighting during off hours to only security lighting, has met with the neighboring property owner and has agreed to increase the buffering along the Nietupski property line and agrees to stipulate that the parcel with the septic system on it cannot be sold separately.

Mr. Nietupski asked what would Preliminary Plan Approval achieve? Solicitor Armstrong explained the legal meaning of the step and Mr. Nyman explained that nothing gets recorded or finalized until after all the permits and studies are completed and the plans reflect the conditions of approval.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Board of Supervisors **unanimously granted** Preliminary plan approval subject to the March 6, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Associates letter and the April 10, 2008 Horner and Canter Associates letter and waivers including the waiver of Section 22-406 .

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Board of Supervisors **unanimously approved** the Village at East Rockhill Planning Module by adoption of Resolution No. 2008-09.

East Rockhill Township Five Acre Subdivision: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **unanimously grant** Preliminary/Final approval,

subject to the deferrals and conditions outlined by the February 13, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Associates letter.

Mr. Nietupski asked who will run the project and what involvement will East Rockhill Township have in it? Chairman Nyman explained that C. Robert Wynn is responsible for the subdivision plan on behalf of East Rockhill Township. After that, the Police Commission will take ownership of the land and will submit a Land Development Plan for the Police Headquarters. C. Robert Wynn Associates has been retained by the Police Commission to do this work as well. During design and construction of the project all consultants will be retained by and report to the Pennridge Police Commission.

Subdivision and Land Development Extensions: The Township has received an extension from the Pettit Tract through April 15, 2009, for the Courtney Subdivision through June 30, 2008, for the Goepfert Minor Subdivision through July 30, 2008, and for the Writght Subdivision through November 1, 2008.

Vouchers: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** approved the Vouchers listed on the April 9, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Voucher Authorization. The only item listed is for the Pennridge School District Land Development.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Engineer's Report was **approved 3-0**.

**Item #7: Solicitor's Report – Patrick Armstrong, Esq.**

Pending Ordinances: Mr. Armstrong reported that the SALDO Amendment is being advertised for consideration at the May 20, 2008 Regular Meeting and that the proposed Zoning Amendment should be ready for consideration at the June 17, 2008 Regular Meeting.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Solicitor's Report was accepted **unanimously**.

**Item #8 Emergency Services Report:**

The Board acknowledged reports from Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin Fire Companies, by **motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **voting 3-0**.

**Item #9 Other Business :**

A reminder that the Moods Covered Bridge dedication celebration is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for breakfast on the Bridge can be purchased for \$10.00 on Saturday and breakfast will run from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Entertainment begins at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Cressman praised Boy Scout Troop No. 79 for their tremendous efforts to clean up trash around the Bridge. They have been very helpful in preparations for the Bridge Celebration.

Mr. Cressman also praised the Home School Association for volunteering to plant flowers near the park in preparation for the Bridge Celebration. The flowers are being donated by Roger's Road Stand and Contemporary Gardens.

Mr. Cressman announced that Blooming Glen Road from Branch Road to beyond the bridge will be closed from 6 PM Friday evening until 6 PM Saturday Evening due to the Bridge Celebration.

Mr. Volovnik and Mr. Nyman thanked Mr. Cressman for all of his time and effort helping to organize the Bridge Dedication Celebration. Mr. Cressman acknowledged it has been a time commitment, but indicated that many individuals have worked hard and contributed to the planning efforts and specifically thanked the East Rockhill Township staff for all their assistance.

## Public Comment II

Mr. Pierson of Three Mile Run Road commented on the nuisance problem that ATVs are causing him and his neighbors. He complained that the use of multiple ATVs being operated for long and continuous periods of time are disturbing him and his neighbors and preventing them from enjoying the use of their homes and properties. He indicated that it has got somewhat better since Zoning Officer Michael Gardner has spoken with the offenders and that he is working with both Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Klepfer to improve the situation; however he requested the Board of Supervisors consider tightening their regulations for the use of ATVs in residential neighborhoods. The Board of Supervisors asked Solicitor Armstrong to look at the Township's ordinances.

Patrick Kolb from the News Herald asked for clarification on the subdivision approvals.

## Item #10: Adjournment:

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned at 8:15 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

The next Regular Meeting – May 20, 2008, 7:00 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

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Date Approved