

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2015
(Approved August 10, 2015)

The Board of Supervisors held its' regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 2015. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, Karen Nocella, W. Atlee Rinehart and Michael Albert Moyer. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor, and Brady L. Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. MINUTES

Mrs. Geho made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Flora Kapp, 22 Bishop Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 wanted the Board and the Residents to know that the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee is participating in the "On Your Park, Get Set, Go!" contest sponsored by the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation. The first place winner will receive a \$10,000.00 grant from the Foundation, second place will receive \$7,500.00 grant, third place will receive \$5,000.00 grant, and all remaining parks will be entered into a lottery with one lucky participant receiving a \$2,500.00 grant to improve its park. The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee chose Ellis Woods Park for the contest. Mrs. Kapp explained the voting process and noted that the foundation provided water bottles with a QR code specifically for Ellis Woods Park, which will earn 25 points per bottle, when people use their smart phone to scan the QR Code on the bottle. She stated that the Committee is asking people to vote for Ellis Woods Park to help win grant money to continue to improve Ellis Woods Park.

Mr. Paul Fein, Pottstown, PA made a presentation to the Board for a Disc Golf Course to be placed on the Wineberry Park Property. Mr. Fein provided an explanation of Disc Golf and the different types of courses that are available to play. Mr. Fein would like permission to have a professional design group walk the Wineberry Property to see if a course could be installed on the property. The design group would provide a sketch of the course layout to the Board for approval. The Township would not have to maintain the course. The club, which is made up with local people, would maintain the course. Mrs. Nocella asked what type of maintenance would be required. Mr. Fein stated there could be some grass mowing, but the maintenance would depend on what type of course is installed. Nothing would be removed from the property unless it disrupts the design of the course. The course could take anywhere from 35 to 50 acres, depending on the type of course and how many courses are installed. Mr. Kolb asked how the Board felt about installing a course on the Wineberry Park Property. Mrs. Geho made a motion to allow the design group to go see if the Park is a feasible location to place a Disc Golf Course. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote. Mr. Rodgers instructed Mr. Fein to contact him to make arrangements to walk the property.

Mr. Walt Woessner, 164 Schoolhouse Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 wanted to discuss with the Board the possibility of having trees inspected on Township Property. Mr. Woessner had an Ash Tree from the Whispering Woods property fall into his yard and onto the sandbox his grandson utilizes. Fortunately, his grandson was not playing in the sandbox at the time. However, the Township has a lot of open space with lots of trees. Mr. Woessner is suggesting we need to make some effort to have the trees inspected and removed if need be. Mr. Kolb indicated the Board understood his concerns and would take his suggestion under advisement.

Mrs. Sally Kolb, 231 Baptist Church Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 stated she has been the Emergency Management Coordinator for several years. She asked that anyone interested in holding the position to please contact her. She indicated that she is responsible for many jobs and finding the time to perform each one to the fullest capacity has become very difficult. There is an Emergency Management Drill that will be held in November and the drill would be the perfect opportunity to train an interested person. Mr. Kolb asked Mrs. Imes to place something on the webpage that the Township is looking for an Emergency Management Coordinator. Mrs. Geho wanted to thank Mrs. Kolb for all her years of service as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Woessner asked Mr. Kolb to have Ridge Fire Company provide a written response for their review of the proposed Whispering Woods Development.

3. **REPORTS**

Township Manager's Reports

Consideration of approval for the Application for Special Fire Police Services for the Kimberton Fire Company Fair

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the request submitted for Special Fire Police Services for the Kimberton Fire Company Fair. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the request for Special Fire Police Services for the Kimberton Fire Company Fair. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approval for the Application for Special Fire Police Services for the East Goshen Fire Company Country Fair

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the request submitted for Special Fire Police Services for the East Goshen Fire Company Country Fair. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the request for Special Fire Police Services for the East Goshen Fire Company Country Fair. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of request to participate in the Open Space program for Conservancy Easement

Mr. Rodgers stated the Township received a letter from Dr. S.K. Taylor requesting that his property at 604 Kulp Road be considerate by the Board for a Conservation Easement. This property is adjacent to the Township's Wineberry Property. Mr. Rodgers is requesting the Board to forward the request to the Open Space Committee for review. Mrs. Geho made a motion to have the Open Space Committee review the request for a Conservation Easement at 604 Kulp Road. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration to advertise Bid for the Maack Farm Lease

Mr. Rodgers wanted to request authorization to place the Maack Farm Lease out for bid, with acceptance of the bid at the August 10, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. The lease will be a five-year lease. Mr. Kolb made a motion to place the Maack Farm Lease out for bid. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty had nothing new to report. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to accept the Engineer's report. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees

Mrs. Geho made a motion to approve the reports from various departments and committees. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. Subdivision and Land Development

Whispering Woods Preliminary Plan Major Subdivision

Mr. Rodgers provided notification to the Board that Real Pro has submitted a revised Preliminary Plan, which will be review and discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

5. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

952 Bethel Church Road – Bethel United Methodist Church

Mr. Rodgers stated Bethel United Methodist Church submitted a revised application to include a second small addition they are planning in the next two years. They revised the original application to include both additions to the church.

Mr. Rinehart asked if there was a time frame for the start of phase 2. Mr. Rodgers state the variance is good for twenty-four (24) months. As long as the church starts construction within twenty-four (24) months, they will be fine.

6. Exonerations

Mr. Moyer read the list of exonerations. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Exonerations List. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

7. Payment of Bills

Mrs. Geho made a motion to pay the bills as presented:

Fund Name	Amount to Pay
General Fund	116,961.50
Fire Hydrant Fund	1,018.23
Open Space	-
Sewer Operating Fund	17,324.80
Sewer Capital Fund	2,413.81
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	2,945.00
Capital Reserve	-
Highway State Aid Fund	14,172.51
TD Escrow	-
Totals	\$ <u>154,835.85</u>

Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. Information Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board

Mrs. Nocella wanted to remind everyone to come out and vote for the park to help win the \$10,000.00 in grant money.

Mrs. Nocella stated Community Day was fun. The Committee is regrouping and may not have a Community Day next year, but possibly change it up with a 5k Run.

Mrs. Geho informed everyone that the Township received notification from Natural Lands Trust that there were no violations on the Ussler Property for the Conservation Easement.

Mr. Kolb stated he thought the Community Day was nice, but agrees that the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee might want to take a year off. Mrs. Nocella stated the Committee talked about it and noticed that attendance dropped by approximately 100 people every year.

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers
Township Secretary