

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 5, 2007

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Johnson and Commissioners Felix, Klunk, Stauffer and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Klunk announced that an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel issues would be held following the Public Works meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Jeff Shadle, 36 Northview Drive, requested that the Township repair the right of way on a stub street between 36 Northview Drive and 50 Northview Drive. The current surface was washed out by water runoff from the upper development. The problem is being compounded by the use of the drive as a turnaround area for large trucks. Mr. Shadle stated that the Township has repaired the right of way in the past. Engineer Bortner stated that since he has been in charge of the department (1995) they have been instructed by the Township Solicitor not to enter private property and they have not repaired it. It was noted that there are other areas also within the Township where stub streets exist and need repaired. Although the Township will inform its refuse hauler not to use the space for a turn around, we cannot control other vehicles. The Township will not do any work on private property on the advice of counsel. It was suggested that Mr. Shadle contact the property owner for repairs and have the street posted for "no trespassing".

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY UPDATE: Engineer Bortner stated that the department is about ninety percent moved into the new public works facility. There is still a minimal amount of work that needs to be completed by the Contractors.

BLACK ROCK/GRANDVIEW /BREEZEWOOD UPDATE: Engineer Bortner stated that he and the township manager met with Kinsley Construction and PennDOT about the Black Rock Road, Grandview Road and Breezewood Drive intersection. Kinsley is planning to start the project on June 11th but they are still waiting on some utility relocation by Met Ed and Columbia gas. They plan on demolishing the two houses on or about June 11th as well as starting the storm water work. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by May 2008.

BRUSH AND LIMB ORDINANCE: Manager Garvick reported that at the last meeting he had presented a brush and limb ordinance that would amend the Township's property maintenance code. He further suggested that if a yard area is available for use that the residents should use it instead of the roadway to pile up brush and limbs for collection. This is usually not a problem in areas where there is curb or sidewalk. There was some discussion about the placement of equipment and the ease of access for township employees. It was suggested that the language from the State Vehicle Code be included in the ordinance with regards to the distance from an intersection and for impeding a traffic lane. The Committee will continue to review the Ordinance

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: Manager Garvick stated that the public hearing for the proposed zoning amendments has been set for June 18, 2007 during the regular meeting

of the Board of Commissioners. The amendments have been revised and sent to York County Planning Commission who is reviewing them and will forward their comments. If there is no change to the amendments as a result of the Public Hearing, they can be advertised and adopted at the June 18, 2007 meeting.

REQUEST FROM YORK COUNTY PLANNING: The Township received a request from the York County Planning Commission requesting a letter of support to include in the joint petition to DEP for the designation of portions of the South Branch Conewago Creek and Upper Main Branch Codorus Creek as a Critical Water Planning Area. The Township is simply a customer of the Hanover Water Company and therefore does not usually comment on regulations regarding the system. The contention seems to be the availability of water within the system. The Committee recommended contacting Hanover Borough, the township's water supplier, for their input before commenting.

BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT: Manager Garvick reported that we received York County's Bridge Inspection Report for 2005 for the Township's three bridges. The report indicates that they are in good condition and the life expectancy on each is at least twenty-six years. There are no immediate or short-term priorities on any of the bridges. There are some long-term maintenance issues that should be addressed such as resurfacing, wall work and cleaning out some of the sediment around the wing walls. The 2007 inspection will soon be conducted.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT: The Township received a request dated May 17, 2007 from the South Western School District requesting a modification to the approved land development plan. They are requesting to widen the access drive back to the softball field to a width of 15 feet and add a 60 feet x 60 feet turnaround area/cul-de-sac to allow for emergency vehicle access. The Committee recommended approving the request.

GOLD'S GYM: The Committee received a request dated May 21, 2007 from Hanover Land Services requesting a SD/LD waiver of Section 505.k curbs and 505.k.1 sidewalks for Gold's Gym. Specifically they are requesting a waiver of the curbs and sidewalks along Broadway because there are not presently any such improvements in place. The Committee indicated that there are curbs and sidewalks along Hickory Road and there is a proposed senior living community being proposed on the airport property. For these reasons, the Committee recommended denying this request.

COOPER MOTORS: The Committee received a request dated May 15, 2007 from Cooper Motors requesting a waiver of land development requirements to pave an additional 10,800 square feet of land currently owned by Cooper Motors. The Committee recommended denying the request because it was believed that a formal plan was not submitted following the tornado damage in 2001 because of the time constraints to get things repaired and due to the addition of the Rutter's Farm Store at the intersection. (Mgr's note: A LD plan for Coopers was submitted in December 2001 and approved in Feb. 2002)

GATEWAY HANOVER: The Committee received a request dated May 4, 2007 from HRG, Inc. on behalf of Gateway Hanover for a waiver of Section 505 Street design and Section 506.d Intersection Sight Distances of the Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The Plan, under different owners, had received several previous waiver requests and it was noted to make sure that they do not conflict with the current requests. The new request is to waive the sidewalk requirements on the south side of Wilson Avenue and to

reduce the intersection sight distances at the proposed access drives. It was noted that Hanover Borough is beginning to require sidewalks on Eisenhower Drive as new businesses are being developed, something that was not done in the past. There was some discussion about the access drives and streets for the plan. The Committee recommended denying the request.

SNYDER'S OF HANOVER: The Committee received a request dated April 25, 2007 from George M. Wildasin, C.E. Inc. for a waiver of the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks for the Snyder's of Hanover expansion along route 116. The Committee recommended approving the request.

EXIT REALTY: The Committee received a request dated May 15, 2007 from Exit Realty for the use of the Penn Township Community Park to hold a community day on September 15, 2007. Manager Garvick stated that planned events such as this are not normally held at the Community Park because of constraints with pavilion space and parking. The proposed event would be held from 10 AM to 5 PM. The Committee recommended that someone be present from the organization at the next meeting to provide a better explanation as to what they are going to do.

COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION: Commissioner Klunk stated that everyone was provided a map of the Community Park, which includes the proposed expansions as a result of future acquiring of additional land because of subdivisions. He stated we should work on ideas and that something should be put in the newsletter for ideas on what can be done. It was noted that a walking trail would be added once all the additions are completed. It was also noted that there is not enough parking. Baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse are some of the popular sports in the area. There should be additional pavilions made available and it was suggested that the soccer area be moved and the field be converted to parking. The Committee will continue to study modifications of the park.

PAVING PROJECT: Engineer Bortner stated that the department is trying to complete the prep work for the paving projects and is hoping to have paving begin around July 4, 2007.

BOY SCOUT: Commissioner Johnson recognized Lucas Slusser who was present this evening to earn credit for a merit badge in pursuit of his Eagle Scout ranking.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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