

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, November 6, 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 Johnson announced that a personnel session was held following the Finance meeting on November 5, 2007 to discuss specifics regarding ongoing negotiation of the fireman's bargaining contract.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Eugene "Ben" Fuhrman, 126 Center Street, addressed the Committee about the tractor-trailers using Center Street and the problems that he feels they are causing. It is his opinion that they should not be allowed because they are damaging the street and the residential homes along the street. He stated that Center St. used to be posted "no trucks except for local deliveries" but the sign has disappeared. The Committee recommended that the Police Chief investigate to see if there was a sign there at one time and why it was never replaced. The street is designated as a residential street and is used by the children to access the elementary school. He stated that he has spoken to the police department and they are responsive to his calls. He stated that there is one truck that is bigger than is allowed but the police department does not have the manpower to continuously patrol the street to stop it. He thought that the traffic signal at Grandview and Wilson Avenue would help alleviate the problem but it has not. Commissioner Klunk noted that when Wilson Avenue was reconstructed, it was the intention that truck traffic would use this street instead of Center Street. The improvements to Center Street are scheduled for completion in 2009.

MICHAEL & LUANN HUFNAGLE: Engineer Bortner presented the Michael and Luann Hufnagle plan on Brookside Avenue for review. They are proposing to take three lots and resubdivide them into two with one new building lot. There are problems with obtaining sewer service. The applicants are stating that they cannot put a sewer line over the existing water line so they are proposing to utilize a grinder pump system. There currently is not an edu available to them. The Committee recommended that the street improvements be shown on both lots.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Engineer Bortner presented the revised plans for Gateway Hanover. The Committee discussed the no left turn issue with the unsignalized intersection located along Wilson in Penn Township adjacent to the Shank property. The committee is still of the opinion that no left turns should be allowed at this location. If the developer disagrees, then a signalized intersection should be installed. There is still concern regarding the "spite strip" from lot 11, which runs the entire length of the Shank property. Manager Garvick noted that Allen Smith, Conewago Enterprises, has been informed that this would not be acceptable to the Township. There are road dividers that are planned as green spaces in both the Township and the Borough. The Borough has agreed to mow these areas. There is an intersection on the plan that is not signalized but shows a left hand turn lane into the shopping center off of

Wilson Avenue. There was some concern about using the name Wilson Avenue because it does not directly connect with the Wilson Avenue on Route 116 and people may become confused. Hanover Borough has stated they do not wish to change the name of the street. York County Planning Commission will have to review the plans again because of the change in property lines. The County should also review the plan for traffic considerations.

HOMEWOOD: The Committee received a request dated October 9, 2007 from Homewood Retirement Centers for a waiver of land development requirements to construct a 24' x 48' four bay post and frame garage. The Planning Commission had recommended favorably with the stipulation that this would be the only waiver. The Committee concurs.

GRANDVIEW: Commissioner Stauffer expressed concern about the closing of Grandview Road for several months for reconstruction. Engineer Bortner stated that Grandview Road will be closed from November 5, 2007 to about the end of November from Beck Mill Road to the Community Park to install sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines. They will leave the road open during the month of December and then close Grandview Road from the Community Park to Windsor Court in January to begin realignment and installation of sanitary and storm sewer lines. The sanitary sewer will be installed in the middle of the road, which makes allowing one lane vehicle travel difficult. Engineer Bortner stated it gets complicated and crowded if some utilities are not allowed to be located in the middle of the road because the stormwater lines go along the curb and sidewalk and sometimes the gas and other utilities are put in the same area which makes it hard to correct problems. There is an existing gas line along one of the properties that will not be used and a new one has to be installed. Columbia Gas is the utility that is currently coming in just before the projects are ready to begin, especially on Baltimore Street. Engineer Bortner stated that the utilities (electric and phone) stated that they need a pole on each property and the developer is going to try to talk the Township out of combined driveways for the houses located along Grandview Road. The plan states that Grandview Road improvements must be completed before work can begin in the development. Commissioner Stauffer was concerned that the entire water line in Mullertown is not a major line and the fire hydrant output is not what it should be. There was some discussion about the two water systems and if they can be looped or not. The road improvements along Grandview Road include removing the existing curve.

LEAF COLLECTION: Engineer Bortner stated that leaf collection has started and will continue until all leaves are down or until it snows.

CELL TOWER: Manager Garvick reported that he received a proposed contract from the company that would like to locate a cell tower at the Community Park. He has provided them with a plan of the park and copies of deeds. Manager Garvick informed the company (Sprint/Nextel) that placement of the tower would be of utmost importance. If the tower cannot be placed near the entrance of the park, Manger Garvick suggested that it could be disguised as a tree. The communications contractor stated that he could send pictures and proposal for this type of set up. The tower will have to be located some where it would not interfere with future development of the park.

KIDS KINGDOM SEALING: The sealing of Kid's Kingdom will be further pursued next spring.

It was noted that the wood needs power washed prior to the sealing of the facility. It has never been cleaned. The project could be undertaken during some of the time that Grandview Road is scheduled to be shut down. The Committee will get a quote in late winter for the work and proceed with the work in early spring.

DRAFTSMAN/INSPECTOR: Manager Garvick reported that he is going to be hiring Michael Patterson as a draftsman/inspector to assist the Township Engineer.

OPEN HOUSE: The open house for the public works facility will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 9 till noon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager