

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4, 2007

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, December 4, 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 a personnel session would be held following tonight's meeting to discuss specifics regarding the ongoing negotiation of the fireman's bargaining agreement.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Engineer Bortner and Manager Garvick displayed the approved Hanover Borough Gateway Hanover plan. Hanover Borough Council, at their last meeting on 11-28, approved this plan. The Committee was concerned about the fact that Fire Chief Cromer has not reviewed the plan and has noted in general conversation that the access drives appear too small for the Township's fire equipment. The plan still shows a 5' spite strip, which the Township was assured would be removed. Manager Garvick stated that Chief Cromer has not been contacted by the developer to review and discuss the plan. Manager Garvick noted that the developer has not submitted an intersection signal design, which may prevent the Township from discussing an intermunicipal agreement with Conewago Township, Adams County. The developer wants approval of the plan absent the design. The Planning Commission has already recommended approval of the plan to the Board of Commissioners. Manager Garvick noted that the Commissioners only have ninety days to act on the plan since it is a multi-municipal plan and has been approved by one municipality already. The Committee was very concerned about the fire chief reviewing the plan as well as the turning lane that they asked to be removed.

HOSTETTER SUBDIVISION: The Committee reviewed the Hostetter subdivision plan, which shows the farmhouse being subdivided from the rest of the property potentially to be sold for development. Engineer Bortner was not sure how the proposed subdivision would affect future development. The dedication and road widening was done under the Thornhill subdivision plan. Engineer Bortner stated that the installation of curb and sidewalk were unresolved issues and most areas around this property do have curb and sidewalk. The home does sit outside of the existing right of way.

STERLING BROWN: The Committee reviewed the Sterling Brown plan, which further subdivides a parcel subdivided by the Henry Brough estate in 1998. That 1998 plan stated there would be no additional subdivisions. Engineer Bortner did not know what the ramifications were of subdividing a parcel that, according to previous plans, could not be further subdivided. It was suggested that the Planning Commission make sure that they ask the developer when the plan is reviewed because they cannot make a recommendation based on the previous note.

LEHIGH SUBDIVISION: The Lehigh plan is an add-on from the Geiman property to the Lehigh property to make sure the entrance of the Lehigh property will be squared off. Engineer Bortner wanted to make sure that this plan does not supercede the original Geiman plan that was approved in 1998. The Lehigh (current) plan does not show the same detail as the previously approved plan.

M & T BANK: The plan is an expansion of the existing facility on Baltimore Street. They are adding two additional drive-up windows. Stonewicke owns the existing exit. There are some concerns about the access onto Baltimore Street and making it a right turn in and a right turn out only.

SKF LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: There was some discussion of the proposed SKF plan and an existing building on the property that was constructed as a temporary structure. They are going to request a waiver of the street improvements. There are concerns about the temporary building becoming permanent. Engineer Bortner believes that building is not built to code specifications.

BAUMMER SAWMILL: The Committee received a request dated November 4, 2007 for a waiver of a land development plan to add a 12' x 14' dustbin. There are a number of smaller buildings that have been constructed on the property.

ESAB WELDING: The Committee received a request dated November 16, 2007 from ESAB requesting a waiver of the land development plan to install a cement pad for two new dust collectors. The pad is 20' x 24'

GIANT FOODS: The Committee received a request dated November 26, 2007 from McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC requesting a waiver of a land development plan for Giant Food Stores for the proposed gas station. They currently have a zoning case before the zoning hearing board for a special exception for alterations of the existing nonconforming use. There was some concern about entrances and exits into the fueling site from Baltimore Street.

PARK HEIGHTS BOULEVARD: Manager Garvick provided the Committee with some overheads shots of Park Height Boulevard showing gaps in the sidewalk and concrete curb construction. The gaps, however, actually extend beyond this particular area. Manager Garvick questioned if the Committee was interested in pursuing the installation of curb because the rebuilding of the street after the installation would be an expense to the Township, even though some of the costs may be assessable. The residents will need to be provided ample notification if they are required to install sidewalk/curbing prior to the repair of the street. The Committee recommended that the new Committee consider the installation at a future date.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE: Manager Garvick suggested that the Committee give some thought to renaming the old portion of Breezewood Drive since the change in the alignment of the streets to correct the Breezewood Drive and Grandview intersection. The committee stated that name needs to be changed but not sure what it should be.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Manager Garvick provided an updated York County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) list showing the projected dates of completion for street projects. The Township projects have not changed.

CHEASEPEAK BAY: The Committee recommended passing the Chesapeake Bay resolution.

CELL TOWER: Manager Garvick reported that he has received the comments from the Township Solicitor on the proposed cell tower and they will need to be passed onto the cell tower representative.

Commissioners Felix, Stauffer, Klunk thanked Engineer Bortner and Highway Foreman Mahan for their assistance to the committee and service to the Township. In addition they reviewed the numerous accomplishments that have been completed over the last sixteen years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager