

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 4, 2011

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Goldsmith, Rewa, Felix, Heilman, and Prieber. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Supt. Mahone and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 6, 2010 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner provided the SD/LD plans under current review for the Committee. He answered all questions and inquiries from the committee.

SOUTH WEST CROSSING: The Committee discussed a request dated January 4, 2011 from Burkentine and Sons for a modification of the sidewalk requirements for a portion of the South West Crossing plan. The developer provided letters from the owners of the existing duplex units on site, indicating that they did not want to have the utility pole relocated on their property. The developer installed the sidewalk without providing the grass buffer as required by the SD/LD Ordinance. The Planning Commission already reviewed the plan and recommended that the plan be approved with the sidewalk modification. There are still additional problems with the plan including an missing easement for the existing water service line to the existing duplex.

RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER WAIVERS: The Committee received requests from both J. A. Myers Bldg. & Dev. And homebuilder Nathan Osborne regarding waivers of the residential sprinkler system requirement for new homes. The statewide building code requires residential sprinklers in all new homes effective January 1, 2010. The Township office closed at 4:30 PM on December 29, 2010 and did not reopen until Monday, January 3, 2011. Mr. Osborne and Mr. Myers came to the office on 12-30 to submit building plans for homes, anticipating that the office would be open. The plans could not be submitted until Monday, January 3, 2011. they are requesting that the mandatory sprinkler system requirement be waived. The Committee recommended that the plans be backdated and accepted for review by the Township if the Township Solicitor agrees that this is acceptable.

A2Z MOTOR SPORTS: The Committee received a request from property owner James Quinn for a waiver of the land development requirements to pave additional land at his property on 916 Baltimore Street. He is proposing to pave only an additional 15 x 70 parking area for the property. Engineer Bortner stated that there is no land development plan on record for the property. If the owner does not want to widen the access drive they will have designate the drive as a one way in and designate an additional access for exit from the property. The request will be reviewed the Planning

Commission at their next meeting.

NORTH POINT PLAZA: The Committee received requests from GHI Eng. for SD/LD waivers for the North Point Plaza plan. The plan has been amended since it was initially submitted. They are requesting waivers of the landscaping, storm water, sidewalk along Eisenhower Drive, and the Environmental Impact study. Engineer Bortner stated it would take the razing of the development to get it to today's standards. There are also concerns that the reconfiguration of Carlisle Street by PennDOT would restrict the ability to install sidewalks at this point, anyway. The storm water will be resolved when PennDOT completes their project. The entire movie theater will be torn down and the new building will be a Pizza Hut. The Planning Commission at their next meeting will review the request.

OLIVE GARDEN SIGNAGE: The Committee received a request from Site Enhancement Services, representing Olive Garden for a variance to the Township's sign ordinance. They are requesting 195 square feet of signage, which is more than the ordinance allows. They were initially proposing signs on three sides of the building. However, the most anyone will see at one time is two signs. Shawn Smith, SES, was in attendance and submitted a revised request that proposes four signs. The front sign is fifty square feet and the side and rear signs are sixty-five square feet, for a total of 245 square feet. The signs will be illuminated internally. The Committee recommended approving the request.

OLIVE GARDEN LIQUOR LICENSE: The Committee received a request from Flaherty and O'Hara, representing Olive Garden for transfer of a liquor license into Penn Township for the Olive Garden restaurant. A public hearing will be required for the approval of the Township to accept the liquor license. The Committee recommended holding a public hearing on February 1, 2011 to consider the request.

COMMUNITY AID THRIFT STORE: The Committee received a request from the Community Aid Thrift Store for a variance to the signage requirements for a proposed store in the South Hanover Shopping Center. The request is for 332 square feet of signage, all on the front of the building. The Township received a request on June 5, 2009 from Wallace & Nurick, representing South Hanover Partners, LP requesting a total of 268 square feet for this building. The intent of the developer was to place two stores in this building. This request was approved. The Community Aid Thrift Store will now occupy all the space that was intended for both stores. It was the consensus of the committee that this same amount of signage should now apply to the Community Aid Thrift Store.

MET ED STREET LIGHTS: Manager Garvick reported that Met Ed is offering to convert the current mercury vapor overhead streetlights to high-pressure sodium. The reduction in energy consumption will save the Township about \$500 a month for its 335 streetlights. There is no cost to the Township to convert the lights. There was discussion about possible light pollution in the more dense residential areas since the lumens output will be higher with the HPS light source. The Committee recommended changing the lights.

HANOVER TROLLEY LINE REPORT: Manager Garvick provided a yearly maintenance report from the York County Rail Trail Authority on the Hanover Trolley Line. Penn & Heidelberg Township's portion of the recreation trail has yet to be constructed, but Jackson Twp. and Hanover Borough are actively maintaining their portions. The Township has and will continue to apply for state grants to help finance the Township's portion of the former trolley line.

RECREATION REQUESTS: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that ball field reservation requests have been received from both the West Manheim Recreation Association and the South Hanover Little League. Although there are some conflicting requests as far as fields, Ms. Rodgers will assign the fields in the customary manner.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager