

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2009

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Heilman, Rewa, and Prieber and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Highway Foreman Mahan and Waste Water Superintendent Mahone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 6, 2009 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Edward Jenkins, 316 Azalea Drive, stated he was here to complain about a dog problem he has; trash being scattered in Young's Woods that blows into his yard; sewer and refuse bills that he feels are too high; the proposed chicken bar-b-que event by Boy Scout Troop 103; and the ball field that he feels is being constructed at Young's Woods. The committee listened to and thanked him for his comments.

2009 STREET PAVING/OVERLAY SCHEDULE: Engineer Bortner presented the proposed paving schedule for 2009. The schedule includes approximately 28,800 square yards of double seal coat and 30,700 square yards of bituminous hot-mix paving. There was discussion on the current cost of blacktop, which has not dropped exponentially in conjunction with other oil prices. Engineer Bortner indicated that we should be able to complete this schedule with the budgeted allotment of funds.

WINTER SNOW/ICE REMOVAL UPDATE: Engineer Bortner informed the committee that highway snow and ice removal so far has been a series of small events and he is still fine-tuning the automatic spreaders to come up with the right mix of anti-skid being spread. The new truck scales at the public works building has been a big help since the trucks can now be weighed before and after application of the material. The equipment is in good shape with the exception of one truck that has a cracked hydraulic pump. rent the equipment when it is available.

MIKE HARMAN LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The Committee received a request dated January 6, 2009 from GHI Inc. requesting a waiver of the requirement for intersection sight distance and landscaping/bufferyards for a proposed used car lot at the corner of Frederick Street and Blettner Avenue. The applicant indicates that there would be little or no room to display vehicles if the strict sight distance requirement is imposed. Applying the required streetscape bufferyard would also impair the display of vehicles. The committee recommends that the township planners look very closely at the intersection, since it is a busy intersection with current less than desirable sight conditions. The Penn Township Planning Commission will review the request at its next meeting.

ESAB WELDING: The Committee received a request dated January 20, 2009 from ESAB Welding & Cutting Products requesting a waiver of the land development requirement for an 11'X11' concrete pad. The committee discussed the fact that a waiver was also given to ESAB in October 2008 for a 22'X15' concrete pad. A land development plan from ESAB was approved in March 2008 for the construction of another pad and small building extension. The Penn Township Planning Commission will review the request at its next meeting.

RETURN TO OWNER FEES: The Township's Animal Control Officer has informed us that the Pennsylvania Dog Law has been amended to allow an increase in the RTO fees from \$25 to

\$50. The committee recommends that we adopt the new increase.

RECREATION MATTERS:

REQUEST FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 103: The Township received a request from Boy Scout Troop 103 to allow the use of Young's Woods for a Chicken Bar-B-Que fundraiser. Mr. Richard Slusser, Troop Leader, was present to answer questions from the committee. The committee noted that there has never been a request for such an event other than the two bar-b-que's put on by the Lion's Club every year. The committee was okay with the request as long as the Lion's Club was contacted, since the pits and racks actually belong to them. Lion's Club members Joe Klunk and Truman Geiman were in the audience and indicated that they would work out any details with St. Joseph's so there should be no problem. It was also suggested that the Troop provide the township with a Certificate of Insurance, since there could be some liability on the part of the township for approving the fund raising event. The troop is looking at a May 2009 event.

UK SOCCER CAMP: The committee again reviewed a request from the UK Soccer Camp asking for the use of the Community Park soccer field to hold a one-week soccer camp for children. The organization is a for-profit business and charges a fee to participants and is willing to pay the township for the use of the field. The committee is not anxious to set a precedent by allowing a profit making business to use the public facility, especially since it only benefits a very small portion of the local population. Administrative Assistant Rodgers surveyed other municipalities who had experience in dealing with the Club and she shared those comments with the committee. The committee recommended denying the request, indicating that the Hanover YMCA would be better suited to accommodate the group.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The committee discussed the pro's and con's of conducting another Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Park. The event is somewhat labor intensive given the fact that we no longer have a recreation board to assist. It was also suggested that there are a number of other egg hunts already within the community. It was ultimately the consensus of the committee that we sponsor an egg hunt and also try to get some business and corporate assistance. The date for the hunt will be April 11, 2009.

BALL FIELD RESERVATION REPORT: Ms. Rodgers informed the committee that we have received the requests for field rental from South Hanover Little League and West Manheim Rec. Association. There appears to be no conflicts and a final schedule will now be prepared.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager