

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Township Engineer Bortner and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 5, 2010 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

SALT STORAGE FACILITY UPDATE: Township Engineer Bortner reported that he has been working with Architect James Baumgardner to design a salt storage facility. He is proposing a seven hundred ton facility in order to buy material during the summer months when it is less expensive. The design is similar to that used by PennDOT. The size of the building has been reduced and the estimated cost is between sixty and seventy thousand dollars. The project is expected to be bid next month.

416 MEADE AVENUE: The Committee received a request dated January 5, 2010 for a waiver of the storm water management requirements for two lots at 416 Meade Avenue. They are proposing to construct a semi-detached duplex residence. The request has already been before the planning commission, which recommended in favor of the request. The Township Engineer has no problems with the request. The Committee recommends approval.

R& R FITNESS (GOLD'S GYM): The Committee received a request dated January 27, 2010 from R. Scott Rankin to place a rented portable office on the Gold's Gym site in order to sell club memberships prior to the opening of the facility. Manager Garvick stated that he felt that the general contractor might be concerned with having people accessing the property when construction is underway. Dr. Rankin is proposing to utilize the facility's parking lot, which should be completed around April 1, 2010. The Township has liability concerns about having individuals on the site during construction. The pre sales facility was not on the approved land development plan. There was also discussion that the Township should have the right to rescind its approval if there is a safety problem. The Committee is also concerned about having an opening and closing date so that the rental office does not become permanent. The Committee would like something in writing from the applicants explaining how the facility would be used and placed and absolving the Township of liability of the structure and its use.

ESAB WAIVER REQUEST: The Committee received a request dated January 8, 2010 from C.S. Davidson for a waiver of the sidewalk and curbing requirements at ESAB. The request is associated with ESAB's desire to construct a 2200 sq. ft. prefabricated materials storage building attached to their existing plant. They will be addressing storm water

management issues in conjunction with the land development plan. The Committee recommends that a temporary waiver be approved so that if the Commissioners wish to have curbs and sidewalks installed at some future date they can. The Planning Commission will be making a recommendation at its next meeting.

DELCO PLAZA REQUEST: The Committee received a request dated January 20, 2010 from WRDC for replacement of the existing sign and an additional smaller sign at the Delco Plaza Shopping Center. Willner Realty and Development Company is the owner of Delco plaza. They are planning other improvements in addition to replacing the sign. The replacement sign will face Carlisle Street and the smaller sign will face Eisenhower Drive. The proposed signage would not be allowed under the current ordinance but since they are replacing the existing signage they are requesting roughly the same square footage. The Committee did not see a problem with the proposed signage.

CARDINAL DRIVE RECREATION AREA: Manager Garvick reported that the recreation area on Cardinal Drive has been a problem for the Township due to act of vandalism. The area has become somewhat of a hangout that is not visible from the street. It was suggested that the Township might want to divest itself of this portion of the park. An adjoining property owner has expressed interest in purchasing the parcel. Mr. Garvick had the property appraised at between \$1,500 and \$5,000. The land would need to be subdivided prior to sale and the Township would not incur any cost associated with selling this property. The preparation of the subdivision plan along with settlement costs of the property would need to be borne by the buyer. The property would need to be publicly bid in accordance with the First Class Township Code. Because he lives near the affected area Commissioner Felix abstained from any discussion and will abstain from any vote on the outcome of the recreation area at Cardinal Drive.

BALL FIELD RESERVATIONS: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that she has received the yearly requests from West Manheim Recreation League and the South Hanover Little League for the use of the ball fields at the Community Park. After some discussion, the Committee agreed with the schedule with the exception that no reservations would be taken for fields on Saturdays.

YORK HANOVER TROLLEY LINE: Manager Garvick reported that a presentation would be held on February 8, 2010 at the Rail Trail Authority Office in Seven Valleys on the York Hanover Trolley Line Part 2 Study. He invited any interested commissioner to accompany him to the meeting.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager