

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 1, 2011

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Rewa and Felix. Commissioner Heilman and Prieber were absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Supt. Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Goldsmith read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 21, 2011.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 1, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: None.

SHEPPARD MYERS STADIUM: The Committee received a request dated January 27, 2011 from Group Hanover Inc. on behalf of Hanover School District for a waiver of the sign ordinance for two signs that do not meet the requirements of the sign ordinance for the Stadium project. The ordinance allows for 100 square feet of signage while the District is requesting just over 300 sq. ft. The two signs will be located at the front of the stadium along McAllister Street. The signs are not lit. The Committee recommended approving the signs as presented.

EHMIS: The Committee received a request dated January 27, 2011 from Group Hanover Inc. on behalf of York/Adams Community Tennis Association and the South Western School District for a waiver of a land development plan to enclose and renovate the tennis courts located behind the Emory H. Markle Intermediate School. Manager Garvick stated that there is very little parking near the courts with some additional parking shown on the plan. There is concern about the increased concentration of storm water runoff that would be created. The request will be reviewed by the Penn Township Planning Commission at their meeting on Thursday, March 3rd.

MODIFICATON OF ZONING ORDINANCE: Manager Garvick reported Commissioner Prieber asked a few months ago if there could be a change to the front yard setbacks for corner lots. There is some concern that the property owners are limited as to what they can use their lots for due to the two front yard setback requirement. The Township drew up a plan showing different setbacks for corner lots. The Township Zoning Officer met with Randy Beck, the chief planner from the York County Planning Commission. Mr. Beck indicated that the YCPC would not make a favorable recommendation on a change to the front yard setbacks for corner lots as they believe it violates Section 605 of the PA Municipalities Planning Code. Manager Garvick stated that he is continuing to receive complaints from residents whose neighbors have corner lots and have campers, RVs and others items parked within the setback area. He has been informing the residents that the Township is working on the situation. Manager Garvick stated that he has received letters from residents regarding

waivers to the requirement because they have small lots and nowhere to go with parking or storage. The Committee recommended reviewing the proposed changes at the next meeting when all the commissioners are present.

STATE BICYCLE ROUTE: The Committee received a request dated February 25, 2011 from the Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian Inc., requesting a letter of support for a State Bicycle Route from Glen Rock to Biglerville. They have also requested support from both Hanover Borough and Littlestown Borough. Since the proposed route is to be exclusively on state roads there will be no responsibilities for the municipalities but signs will be added to existing roadways by PADOT. They have the support of the Adams County Commissioners and the Hanover Cyclers. The Committee recommended supporting the request.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager