

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 7, 2009

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Goldsmith announced that an executive session was held following the Finance meeting on April 6, 2009 to discuss fire and police department personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 3, 2009 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

CENTER STREET CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT: Engineer Bortner reported that PADOT issued a revised agreement for the Center Street improvement project with PADOT doing the inspections and letting the project.

411 PARK HEIGHTS BLVD.: Engineer Bortner reported that he is still investigating the site distance problem at 411 Park Heights Blvd. The adjoining neighbor at 391 indicated he has no site problems. Engineer Bortner reported that he staked out the right-of-way, which does have some trees in it. These trees are near and within the overhead utility lines, which would require the Township to contract out the work. The cost is estimated to be about \$1,000 for the removal. If the Township installs a mirror opposite the driveway as was previously suggested, it will become responsible for the mirror and its maintenance/replacement. It could also increase the number of residents requesting a similar mirror to ease their actual or perceived site problems. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

WIDE FORMAT COPIER: Engineer Bortner reported on his review of proposals to purchase a wide format copier. Manager Garvick stated the funds could be borrowed internally and paid back through the budget process. Engineer Bortner likes the proposal presented by Engel Business Systems. The current copier lease ends in May.

BLACK ROCK ROAD PAVING: Engineer Bortner reported that the state is getting closer to resurfacing Black Rock Road. Letters have been sent to the municipalities requesting that they get their utilities repaired/replaced prior to the work. Penn Township will have its utilities ready to go.

RICHARD HEISTAND PAVING: Engineer Bortner provided the committee with pictures of the Eagle Scout project completed by Richard Heistand. Using donated materials he installed a flagpole at the Wilson Avenue Public Works Facility. The Township road crew just finished the final paving around the project. The Committee suggested that he be invited to the Board of Commissioners meeting for official recognition.

MARKS AUTO BODY: The Committee received a request dated March 12, 2009 from KPI Technology for a waiver of the landscape and bufferyard requirements as listed in Section 605 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Marks Auto Body plan. There was a waiver of the requirements granted to Flat Works Concrete around 1998 on the original land development plan. The Planning Commission will review the request and make a recommendation at their next meeting.

DAN MATTHIAS: The Committee received a request from Dan Matthias for a waiver of the land development requirements to construct a retail garden center at 923 York Street. The Planning Commission will review the request and make a recommendation at their next meeting.

EISENHOWER PARKWAY COMMITMENT LETTER: Engineer Bortner reported that he and Manager Garvick attended a meeting on March 13th regarding the proposed Eisenhower Parkway. The Parkway Committee is requesting a commitment letter from all the municipalities. None of the project is proposed for Penn Township but it will help alleviate some of the traffic on Route 94. The road would be beneficial for both Conewago Township and McSherrystown Borough. The biggest concern for Adams County is how to pay for the improvements. The Committee recommended forwarding a letter of support to Senator Richard Alloway

THORNBURY HUNT: Robert Sharrah, representing Wolverine Holdings, addressed the Committee with another request for a waiver of the phasing requirements for Thornbury Hunt. He provided a copy of the preliminary plan for lots 18 and 19 of the Thornbury Hunt Subdivision plan. Martin's Ridge is the adjoining property and Tony Forbes, owner of Martin's Ridge, is a twenty five percent owner of Wolverine Holdings, so there should not be any problems with cooperation on the development. The Committee recommended denying the request again unless the two lots are tied into the existing final Martin's Ridge Plan. It was undecided if this would constitute legal problems with deeds and covenants. Engineer Bortner stated that he has some concern about the cul-de-sac on lot eighteen to allow for the dedication of the street and maintenance by the Township. If the request is approved those issues could be addressed. Mr. Sharrah will share the committee's opinions with the property owner.

ST. JOSEPH'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 103: Manager Garvick reported that St. Joseph's Boy Scout Troop 103 had requested the use of Youngs Woods to have a chicken barbeque. The Lions Club will not allow the troop to use their equipment and the Scouts are prepared to contract with an individual with a mobile pit and who will cook the birds for them. They are still requesting to use the Woods. The Committee suggested that they speak with St. Joseph's about the church property on Grandview Road rather than Young's Woods.

TOWNSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that the Township egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11th and that help would be appreciated at about 10:00 or 10:30 AM.

COMMUNITY PARK REST ROOM FACILITY FUNDING REQUEST: Manager Garvick

reported that he has prepared a letter that he wants to send to Representative Tallman about obtaining funds for improvements to the pavilion at the Community Park. The plans call for restroom facilities along with a community center and offices. It was suggested that the letter be sent to Senator Waugh also.

LETTER FROM VERIZON: There were some questions about the additional uses for the Verizon towers that are being proposed for on Beck Mill Road and Industrial Drive. The two properties are under consideration for variances by the Zoning Hearing Board. It was suggested that maybe some of the current reception problems being experienced by the emergency services department could be solved by installing additional hardware on these towers. York County would have to be contacted about what steps need to be taken to allow for the use of the towers.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Commissioner Rewa thanked Highway Forman Mahan for the use of the Township's road cones for his son's Eagle Scout project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager