

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MAY 6, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Present were Acting Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Johnson, Heilman & Prieber. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Rewa announced that an executive session was held following the Finance Committee meeting last evening regarding a police personnel issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 1, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Edward Jenkins, 316 Azalea Drive, addressed the committee regarding the planned improvements to "Young's Town Park" (Young's Woods) – specifically the future construction of a ball field and parking lot. Mr. Jenkins said he represents a group of people who are opposed to the field. He said that he and his neighbors prefer the quiet of a wooded natural area and a ball field would only drive down the value of his property. The Manager explained the events that occurred in 1999 that led to the purchase of the parcel adjacent to the Woods. The commissioners recognized the need for more athletic fields so the land was purchased. The intent was to construct a playing field that would not negatively impact the serenity and quiet of the original Young's Woods Park. Everything pertaining to the purchase and future purpose of the land was discussed and approved at advertised public meetings.

Mr. Jenkins accused the commissioners of "railroading" the ball field through without benefit of a hearing. He also objected to the Township having any more scheduled events within the Park other than the Lions Club chicken bar-b-que. He is against any 4th of July activities at the Park. He was informed that there has been no formal plan prepared and the field is not scheduled for construction anytime in 2008 because it has not been budgeted for. Mr. Jenkins feels that the Township should do more tree trimming as well as have the planning commission shoot the squirrels and rabbits. He also said that, in addition to not trimming the trees, the Township has not planted any new trees and does not pick up debris. He was told to keep in touch with the Manager so he could inform his neighbors of any impending action in 2009 or 2010.

Stephen & Dorothy Kozlak, 34 Laurel Drive, addressed the committee regarding a problem they have with the approximately 3" settlement of the road in front of their driveway. This has also resulted in the settling of the rolled concrete curbing. According to Mr. Kozlak, vehicles scrape when coming off the driveway apron. Engineer Bortner indicated he spoke to Mr. Kozlak and told him that the Township would not be responsible for the curbing but could repair the roadway. The committee indicated they want to visit the site before offering a recommendation at the next meeting.

CENTER STREET RECONSTRUCTION: The committee was informed that the project is still in preliminary design. We are meeting with both York Rail and CSX on 5-7 to discuss any concerns regarding the reconstruction of the two railroad crossings. The environmental clearances are 95% complete. The R-O-W acquisitions will not begin until there is at least a preliminary design plan. The project is on the York County TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) for construction in F.Y. 2009.

STREET OVERLAYS: The Highway foreman is working with Manheim Township in preparation of commencing the Breezewood Drive and Beck Mill Road projects. Mr. Mahan reported that PennDOT is getting ready to finish the Baltimore Street overlay. Starting on May 11th in the evening, the leveling course will be applied. On May 12th the Township forces will be adjusting manhole elevations in anticipation of the final wearing surface. The wearing surface will be applied once all the adjustment are made.

On May 12-14th the final wearing surface will be applied to the Black Rock/Grandview intersection. The signal lights will then be activated on May 15th to flashing mode for a period of 5-7 days

F.O.E. #1406: The committee discussed a request for exoneration of land development from the Hanover Eagles for an expansion of their clubhouse on Park Street. The extension is 48' X 10'. The Planning Commission reviewed the request on 5-1-08 and recommended approval.

SPRING GARDEN STREET SETTLEMENT: The transfer of ownership of the former public works facility at 30 Spring Garden St. will be on May 15th. At that time Bruce Jones will purchase the site. Settlement will be at Stock & Leader in York. The property was sold for \$230,000.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager