

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JUNE 3, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: John Hayslette, 411 Park Heights Boulevard, addressed the committee regarding his difficulty in accessing Park Heights Blvd. from his driveway. He provided photos to indicate the lack of sight due to tree growth and other impediments on his neighbor's property. Engineer Bortner reported that about fifteen feet of additional right-of-way would need to be acquired to alleviate the sight distance situation. This would allow the township to eliminate the hill and reconstruct the road. Engineer Bortner provided an overview of the area and the particular sections that would have to be corrected. The Township currently does not have available resources budgeted to undertake the project this year. The Committee suggested looking into temporary relief of the situation such as cutting down some of the trees and moving the mailbox. The Township will contact the neighbors and work with the Hayslettes to alleviate the situation.

Steve and Patricia Burns, 1190 Baer Avenue, Maxine Glass, 152 Brookside, and Jason Dempsey, 1200 Baer Avenue, expressed concern about flooding on their property from the stream to the rear of Baer Avenue. Mr. Burns stated that the area did not flood in 1992 when he purchased his home. He feels that the sediments, "garbage" and excessive water runoff from the streets has cause the stream to not be able to handle the flow of water. Mrs. Burns stated they watch the water rush from the upper part of the alley to their property through the stormwater pipe. Mrs. Burns stated that the water at times comes up to her knees in her back yard. Both Mr. Burns and Ms. Glass provided pictures of the flooding. They stated that their basements, garages and sheds flood. Mr. Dempsey stated that after several days he is still unable to mow his grass because his mower gets stuck. They expressed concern about the mosquitoes and the snakes. Mrs. Burns stated that the previous owner of the adjoining parcel on which the stream lies had tried to address some of the problems but they were not corrected and since then a developer has purchased the property. The Committee stated that they would contact York County agencies to help with the problem.

Edward Jenkins, 316 Azalea Drive, expressed concern about the proposed plans for ball fields in Young's Woods; the animals "out of control" in the park; the tree growing in a storm drain; the trash collection system used by the Township; and the failure of the Township to trim its trees. The Commissioners politely listened to Mr. Jenkins and explained to him that the Township does not plan to pursue any improvements to Youngs Woods in 2008 but would revisit the development of the park with the discussion of the 2009 budget.

OVERLAY PROJECTS UPDATE: Engineer Bortner stated that the department is planning to begin the Beck Mill Road overlay project this week. He had prepared the budget based on an assumption of \$500 a liquid ton for asphalt but the price has already reached \$517 a liquid ton with the expectation that it will go higher before it goes lower.

GATEWAY HANOVER UPDATE: It was noted that Hanover Borough has decided they will not agree to change the name of the Wilson Avenue extension. The Borough has stated that the street connection between the two Wilson Avenues will be made at some future date to make Wilson a through street with a slight offset. They have already issued building permits for new properties along the street.

GOLD'S GYM UPDATE: The Committee reviewed a request dated May 30, 2008 from Hanover Land Services requesting a waiver of the curbs at Gold's Gym from the southern most curb return of the site entrance to the southern property line. PennDOT would support the curb as is being proposed. This would allow the runoff to drain into the stormwater management facility on the Gold's Gym property. This would also eliminate Penn Township from being responsible for any new drainage structure within the road right-of-way. R & R Development will be installing curb along Broadway from the intersection with Hickory Lane to the southern curb return of the proposed new entrance of Gold's Gym site as well as widening the pavement along the entire property frontage. Engineer Bortner stated that this would be an acceptable solution to the current problem.

CENTER STREET RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Engineer Bortner and Manager Garvick reported that there was a meeting set up about three weeks ago with PennDOT, the PUC, and both the railroad companies with regards to the improvements to Center Street. The railroad representatives failed to show up. They were contacted to set up a meeting that suited their schedule and again failed to attend. Manager Garvick stated that he received an email with regards to the meeting and a bill for \$8000, which has been turned over to PennDOT.

GREENLINE INDUSTRIES: The Committee received a request dated May 30, 2008 from First Capital Engineering requesting waiver of a land development plan and a modification of the stormwater requirements to install an additional 29 parking spaces at Greenline Industries. Manager Garvick noted that there is a recorded sewer right-of-way on the property, which has not been indicated on the plan. There was some concern about the modifications and variances that were given when the plan was approved. Engineer Bortner stated that when the initial land development plans are submitted for commercial properties the stormwater ponds are sized to handle the maximum impervious area for the property. This was not the case for Greenline Industries and he has not previously recommended a storm water waiver for ponds that did not meet the maximum requirements.

RECREATION: Ms. Coppersmith has contacted Commissioner Rewa about using her truck at the Community Park. It was noted that she would need to send a revised letter to the Township on what she would like to do at the park. Township Engineer Bortner stated he has not been able to maintain the parks as in the past due to manpower shortages. It was also noted that there have been problems again at the Timber Lane/Arbor Lane recreation park. The police are currently monitoring the situation and at some future date a light may need to be installed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager