

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2011

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 3, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

KAREN LANE BRIDGE REPAIR: Township Engineer Bortner reviewed the proposal for the design to repair the Karen Lane Bridge. The cost is \$2,750 if using General Fund monies and \$3,250 if using liquid fuels funds. The Township would have to limit some of its road projects to help cover the costs. The Committee recommended proceeding with the design.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Township Engineer Bortner reported that the Target store at the Gateway Shopping Center is proposed to open the third week of July but they will start receiving shipments to stock the store next week. They will also begin employee training. Conewago Enterprises needs to have Wilson Avenue completed so that the store can open. Engineer Bortner stated that he thought there would be a meeting on June 9th to discuss activating the signals at Wilson/Carlisle and Wilson/Gateway. Conewago Enterprises will need a revised signal permit for the signal at Wilson/Carlisle but all the other signalized intersections have been constructed according to the approved permits. They have paved the stub streets into Wilson Avenue but have not yet paved into the Target parking lot.

PARK HEIGHTS BLVD.: Engineer Bortner stated there is repair work that he wants to start in the area of Park Heights Boulevard after the completion of the current school year. It includes a base repair, sanitary sewer line repair and overlay.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – LAWNS: Manager Garvick provided a list of abandoned or foreclosed properties within the Township that are in dire need of high grass and weed maintenance. Manager Garvick stated that he wants to use multiple contractors to maintain the abandoned properties so that someone is always available to complete the work in a timely manner. He will work with the contractors so that they know what the Township expects. The property owners, mortgage companies and realtors will be contacted first to resolve the problem. If there is no response from them then the Township will have the property maintained. The property owner will then be sent an invoice and if not paid within thirty days the Township will file a lien on the property.

WALTER & MARY DANNER VARIANCE REQUEST: The Committee received a request dated June 2, 2011 from Hanover Land Services for a waiver of the curb, sidewalk, landscape and bufferyards requirements for the Walter and Mary Danner Land Development Plan. The request will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

SHEPPARD MYERS ATHLETIC FIELD: The Committee received a request from the Hanover Public School District for permission for the use of the Sheppard Myers field by the Atlantic Football Association (AFA). A semi-pro football team called the "Hanover Rhinos" is being planned and they wish to use the HPSD facility for four home games and, presumably, practice sessions. The school district's land development plan for the improvement of the Sheppard Myers field included a waiver of the paving requirements for parking area due to minimal use of the field for school events. The Committee, while not opposing the request, did not issue a recommendation at this time.

SNYDER'S OF HANOVER: The Committee received a request dated May 6, 2011 from Group Hanover Inc. for a variance to the landscape and bufferyards for the Snyder's-Lance research and development building adjacent to the solar farm on York Street. They are requesting a waiver of the requirements along York Street but not along the residential portion of the property. They did receive a waiver of the landscaping requirements for the solar farm along York Street. They will be installing a buffer yard but do not want to be bound by those plants in the Township's ordinance. They have also requested a waiver of the environmental impact study for the plan. The Planning Commission will review the request at their next meeting.

CENTER STREET: Manager Garvick reported that he negotiated with the R-O-W consultant on the Center Street Project to reduce the cost of the acquisition work so it would not have to be bid. PADOT's portion of the R-O-W costs cannot exceed \$80,000. This means that the Township will have to pay over \$139,000 for the remainder of the R-O-W costs. The Center Street project has increased in cost and the Township will have to pick up the costs that are over budget as far as the Reimbursement Agreement with PADOT. There was some discussion by the Committee on the project.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: Joseph Klunk, chairman of zoning hearing board, stated that Hanover School District received conditional approval of their variance and special exception request for the improvement of the Sheppard Myers Field contingent upon only using it for school-related functions. The Committee will review the approval of the zoning hearing board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager