

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 6, 2013

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Klunk, Heilman, Prieber and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Supt. Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 2, 2013 public works committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mitzi Clapper, Vice President of the Hanover Soccer Club, was present to request some additional space at the community park for practice. The club currently rents the soccer field for both the spring and fall seasons. They are requesting to utilize the space to the rear of the existing soccer fields for two under-eight teams on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. They would like to install a temporary twelve-foot goal in the space, which would be removed following the spring season. She explained that when the Utz soccer complex expansion is complete they would no longer need to rent the field at the community park but that will not be until the fall of 2014. After some discussion the committee recommended approving the request.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Township Engineer Bortner reported that Manheim Township's paving machine broke down last week and it was just repaired. The Township utilizes this machine and will be paving Youngs Road and High Rock road tomorrow. He stated that the Baer Avenue project will not be completed till next year. Breezewood Drive will be under taken when everything is worked out with the Developer. This will require the road to be closed.

Engineer Bortner stated that the preliminary traffic study for the Amish Markets might support an additional traffic signal at the southern entrance of the Amish Market along Broadway. Engineer Bortner is concerned about the traffic problems that could be created along Broadway when the 100 acres of land zoned Shopping Commercial along Broadway is fully developed. This is roughly the equivalent to the Penn Township portion of Gateway Hanover. There are also other traffic concerns along Eisenhower Drive that would impact anything done along Broadway. The Committee felt that placing a light at the entrance of the Amish market is not something they want to consider at this time. There is concern that eventually Hanover Borough will not want Flickinger Road to enter Broadway at its current location but have it rerouted somewhere else. The Committee recommended not pursuing a traffic signal at this time until the comprehensive plan and other issues are completed and addressed.

Manager Garvick reported that CD Investors is exploring the option of developing their property along Moulstown Avenue for an over fifty-five residential development. This property also includes the Shopping Commercial area referenced above.

CENTER STREET: Manager Garvick reported that the Center Street Condominium Association has agreed to accept the offer for right-of-way for their property for the Center Street improvement project.

E-PERMITTING: Manager Garvick reported PennDOT has gone is converting to an electronic permitting system for its highway occupancy permits. If the Township wishes to utilize the system they need an agreement with PennDOT. The agreement requires two signatories who have to be authorized by a Resolution. A Resolution has been prepared authorizing the Township Manager and Secretary to execute the Agreement.

PROPERTY MAINTENCE CODE ORDINANCE: Manager Garvick presented Ordinance No. 750 amending the property maintenance code to reinforce that grass and weeds cannot be taller than ten inches. All of the Township's regulations and guidelines reflect the 10" but it was discovered that an early 80's Ordinance, never amended or repealed, specifies 12". The committee recommended adopting the ordinance to eliminate the conflict.

HANOVER REFUSE TRANSFER STATION: The Committee received a request dated June 28, 2013 from Hanover Land Services requesting a waiver of land development requirements for the transfer station at 25 Barnhart Drive owned by the Hanover Regional Solid Waste Authority. They are proposing a paved driveway along with a new paved unloading area for residents bringing waste to the facility. The planning commission has already made a favorable recommendation for the waiver. The committee agrees.

RESEALING OF KID'S KINGDOM: It was noted that it has been five years since Kid's Kingdom, the Creative Playground, has been sealed. Administrative Assistant Rodgers also noted that some of the playground equipment will need to be repaired since it is twenty years old. The committee recommended sealing and repairing the Kingdom in the fall. A date will be set to close the kingdom while the rest of the park remains open. The information will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY PARK: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that she visited a splash pad in Red Lion Borough and thought it would be a good addition to the community park. After some discussion the committee agreed to consider this feature when they consider other improvements to the park.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE: Manager Garvick reported that he received a Memorandum of Understanding from Johnston and Associates for the Breezewood Drive Project. The MOU covers the responsibilities of the developer and Township for the construction of Breezewood Drive. The memorandum will need to be approved by both parties.

CURB AND SIDEWALK MUNICIPAL FACILITIES: The committee received a request from 132 Littleton Drive for a waiver of the sidewalk requirements in conjunction with the construction of a new home. After some discussion the committee recommended waiving the requirement since there is no existing curb or sidewalk in the development. In addition it was noted that sidewalk should be installed around the municipal building and consideration given to installing curb and sidewalk around the community park.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary